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# Wirelessly Connected, Hopelessly Stranded

#### Breakthrough For Mobile PCs

By Tom Buerkle International Herald Enhance

LONDON — Five leading high-tech companies introduced a technology on Wednesday that promises to accelerate the convergence of mobile communications and computing by al-lowing the wireless transfer of voice and data among mobile phones, laptop computers and other portable devices.

The technology, which the companies call Bluetooth, uses short-range radio signals to connect mobile devices within a range of 10 meters. It will enable a laptop user to browse the Internet through a wireless connection to a mobile phone left in a handbag or jacket pocket, for example,

It also could alert traveling business executives to an urgent e-mail message by ringing their mobile phones, the companies said. An executive could browse incoming messages on the phone's electronic display without pulling his or her laptop out of its carrying case.

"I think it's the most important thing to happen to wireless in 20 years." Andrew Seybold, editor and publisher of Andrew Seybold's Outlook, a newsletter on computing and communications, told Reuters.

The technology is based on an open standard developed by LM Ericsson AB, International Business Machines Corp., Intel Corp., Nokia AB and Toshiba Corp.
Several other major companies have

agreed to join the initiative, increasing

the prospect that the technology will quickly become a global standard.

"What we're all looking for is plug and play," said Johan Siberg, president of Ericsson Mobile Communications. "We need to be simple." The first products incorporating the new technology are expected to hit the market in the second half of 1999, Mr. Siberg said.

The prototype Bluetooth connecting device is smaller than the average postage stamp and will self for less than \$10. The companies plan to market it initially as an attachment to mobile phones or laptop computers, but eventually, it will be put directly into phones and computers. All branches of the information

### Satellite Glitch **Silences Pagers**

NEW YORK - Millions of pagers that keep doctors in touch with patients, businessmen in touch with the office, and mothers in touch with the kids sat silent on Wednesday because a \$250 million communications satellite lost track of Earth.

"This is the first time in 35 years that pagers have gone silent," said John Beletic, chairman and chief executive officer of PageMart Wireless Inc. of Dallas, "Virtually all paging companies have been affected."

The pager has quietly woven itself deep into contemporary life. Doctors, firelighters, reporters, drug dealers and baby sitters use pagers, which outnumber cellular phones by about 2 to 1. They are not sexy, but they are

to 1. They are not sexy, but they are cheap and easy to use.

The Galaxy IV satellite, one of 17 operated by PanAmSat, stopped relaying pager messages and some radio and television feeds Tuesday evening when its onboard control system and a backup switch failed, causing the satellite to rotate out of position.

Technicians were able to send

Technicians were able to send commands to the craft but could not restore its orientation toward Earth, said Robert Bednarek, chief technol-

said Robert Bednarek, chief technology officer for PanAmSat.

The voice-mail functions of paging services were still operating, but pagers were not beeping or vibrating to indicate the presence of a message. People with pagers must call in to see if any messages were recorded.

if any messages were recorded.
PanAmSat started transferring services to other satellites Wednesday and said it would move another satellite into position in orbit.

The company would not disclose its customer list, but Scott Baradell, a spokesman for PageNet, one of several companies whose services were interrupted, estimated that 80 percent to 90 percent of the 40 million to 45 million U.S. pager users lost service.

Some paging service was restored by Wednesday morning by switching to a different satellite, but there was no indication when all paging and media feeds would be restored.

The problem was of particular concern to doctors. Dr. Steve Dickens, cardiologist at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, said he spent

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## A Shocking Art Robbery Shakes Up Italian Justice

2 Van Goghs and a Cezanne Are Stolen in Rome

By Alessandra Stanley New York Times Service

ROME - With astonishing ease, three armed men hid in the National Gallery of Modern Art after closing time Tuesday night, tied up the guards and stole three priceless paintings—
two Van Goghs, "The Gardener" and
"L'Arlesienne," and a Cezanne, "Le
Cabanon de Jourdan."

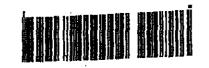
The heist was as shocking as the theft of a Corot from the Louvre Museum in Paris this month. But for the Italian art world, the removal of the famous works

was an even greater blow. Although overflowing with Renaissance treasures, Italy boasts very few European post-Impressionist and Modernist paintings. The two Van Goghs were the only oil paintings by the artist

The "Cabanon de Jourdan" was the only major Cezanne in Italy; the only

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other painting by the master French Impressionist is a less-significant land-scape in the Grassi Collection of the Gallery of Modern Art in Milan, which also owns a Van Gogh watercolor.

The theft deepened a crisis in the Italian government as opposition lead-ers called for government leaders to

Italian law enforcement was already reeling from the escape Tuesday of a wheelchair-bound mobster, Pasquale Contrera, a convicted drug trafficker who had been extradited by Venezuela and released on a technicality. About to be rearrested on corruption charges, Mr. Contrera evaded his police guards and

He was, moreover, the second wellknown prisoner to escape this month. Licio Gelli, 79, the former grandmaster of a now-illegal Masonic lodge, P-2, disappeared from his home in Tuscany this month a few days before the Supreme Court was to confirm his conviction and 12-year sentence for fraud relating to the Ambrosiano Bank scan-

dal in 1982. Justice Minister Giovanni Maria Flick turned in his resignation, but it was not accepted by Prime Minister Romano

Visibly shaken, Walter Veltroni, a deputy prime minister and minister of culture, said Wednesday that the fact

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## 'AN OPPORTUNITY FOR STATESMANSHIP'

# Albright Nudges Suharto to Resign

By Brian Knowlton

WASHINGTON — Stepping up U.S. pressure for change in Indonesia, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright called Wednesday for President Suharto to "preserve his legacy" by permitting a democratic transition, an implicit call for him to step down. She said of the Indonesian leader, who vowed Tues-

day to leave office but did not set a date, "Now he has an opportunity for an historic act of state-manship.

The remarks by Mrs. Albright, made in a speech at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London,

Connecticut, marked a delicate but deliberate escalation in Washington's response to the Indonesia

By Nicholas D. Kristof

New York Times Service

JAKARTA - If Indonesia's hard-

line generals were trying to frighten people Wednesday by barricading streets with barbed wire and ordering

citizens to stay in their homes, they met

their match with the likes of Reta Si-

menjuntak, not to mention the 3-year-

old daughter she was ingging on her

hip.
"They were trying to scare people,"
Mrs. Simenjuntak, a cheerful 29-year-

old housewife, said of the army's warn-

ings. And then she looked around and

giggled, saying, "But it sure looks as if it didn't work."

and women like Mrs. Simenjuntak had

gathered in a huge throng outside the Parliament building to demand that

Tens of thousands of ordinary men

crisis, apparently gauged not to offend Mr. Suharto but to expedite a move he had promised to make.

The Clinton administration, while stepping up calls for Indonesian reform as rioting has claimed hundreds of lives, has never directly suggested that Mr. Suharto,

a longtime U.S. ally, step down.

The secretary of state appeared to be walking a fine line in a speech to graduating Coast Guard cadets. She offered praise of Mr. Suharto, perhaps wary of offending indonesian nationalists, while making it clear that his vow to step aside was viewed as dangerously

vague amid gathering chaos. "President Suharto has given much to his country over the past 30 years," she said, referring to the

country's economic growth.

historical error," she said, showing "reckless disregard for world opinion and for India's own reputation. Mrs. Albright called on Pakistani leaders to show

On another topic, Mrs. Albright also repeated the

"The leaders in New Delhi have made a grave

U.S. condemnation of the recent Indian nuclear tests.

restraint and resist pressures to stage their own tests. She also promised that the administration would work hard with Congress, whose view of South Asia is already changing, to respond to Pakistan's economic and security concerns." (Page 5)
"If Pakistan's leaders do not test," she said, "they

will defy India's expectations and foil India's desire to

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## In Jakarta, **Students** Carry On

But Behind Frolicking, It's 'Suharto Must Go!

> By Keith B. Richburg Washington Post Service

JAKARTA - One small patch of Indonesia's capital was transformed into a full-fledged and rambunctious democracy on Wednesday as tens of thousands of university students — joined by teachers, school alumni, workers, refersionals and housewives professionals and housewives -- converged on the grounds of the rubberstamp Parliament and demanded that President Suharto immediately leave

Behind a thin cordon of a few hun-dred armed troops, and with thousands

Movement lacks a leader. Page 4.

of sympathizers shouting encouragement from the streets outside, the students sang songs and chanted slogans.
They waved the red and white Indonesian flag and hoisted banners demand-They listened to fiery speeches from a

makeshift stage, and they frolicked in a nearby fountain. They occupied the offices of the legislators, and the chambers where laws are c sed. And they vower to hold on to this single corner of defiance until their demand was met. By day's end, the students had won

one major concession: The house speaker, Harmoko, agreed to deliver a letter to Mr. Suharto demanding he resign by Friday, or else a special session of Parliament would be called to formally vote on his dismissal. Few here were certain whether Mr. Suharto would cede to the ultimatum, or even how long it would take to arrange the extraordinary meet-ing that could rescind the president's

But for the students, this move coming from a longtime Suharto ally like Mr. Harmoko — was nothing short of revolutionary.

"I think it's still a long ways off from actually being done," said a Western diplomat, who was monitoring Wednesday's events. "But for the students,

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INDIA'S NO. 1 AT GROUND ZERO — Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee visiting Pokaran on Wednesday, site of India's nuclear tests last week. Mr. Vajpayee attacked global criticism of the blasts. Page 5.

more democratic system be put in place. The crowd blocked traffic and lustily The army's moves on Wednesday morning may have been an attempt to cheered the university students while chanting such slogans as "Hang Suharto! Hang Suharto." carried ominous warnings that people troops erected barbed-wire barricades Almost by the hour, the fear of Mr. Suharto is draining away in Indonesia, and the protesters are growing bolder. had been planned. demonstrators

seem to have convinced themselves that the ANALYSIS president is inexorably tumbling to the sidelines and that the army is on the side of the people. We're not afraid of the army," said

The

THE TWO FACES OF THE ARMY - Indonesian soldiers high-fiving with peaceful protesters at the

Parliament building in Jakarta, while nearby, army tanks blocked streets to prevent a planned rally.

Whose Side Is Indonesia's Army On?

In What May Be a Fatal Mistake. Protesters Now Believe It's Theirs

Harrington Garang, 33, a burly contractor. "The army is our friend."

As a result of such views, one of Mr. Suharto's central problems in trying to remain in power is that for the first time in decades the Indonesian government seems more afraid of the people than President Suharto be ousted and that a they are of it.

change that balance. State television should stay home or risk bloodshed, and backed by tanks to block access to the square in Jakarta where a major rally The army succeeded in keeping people away from the central square, but

instead they gravitated toward the par-liament building and a rally of sorts unfolded there without any army interference. The authorities had been particularly concerned that a huge rally in the square could escalate out of control, but they were less bothered by the idea of protests continuing at the distant parliament building.

If the army was trying to dampen the

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## AGENDA

#### U.S. Trade Gap Grows Amid Asian Crisis

The U.S. trade deficit widened to and was the fourth consecutive \$13 billion in March, the government reported Wednesday.

The news provided the clearest evi-

dence yet of how Asia's mounting problems were affecting the American

The trade gap was considerably higher than economists had expected currencies. Page 11.

monthly increase. The deficit in February was \$12.2 billion. The trade data showed that U.S.

exports to Asia were declining and that imports from that region were grow-ing, reflecting the strength of the dollar and the decline in the value of Asian

#### House Bans Exports of Satellites to China

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The House of Representatives voted overwhelmingly on Wednesday to ban exports of satellites and missile technology to China. The vote, 417 to 4, came amid allegations that a U.S. company helped improve the reliability of Chinese missiles.

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# At 'Dead Center' of Northern Ireland, Old Fears Are Painfully Alive

By Warren Hoge New York Times Service

DUNGANNON, Northern Ireland - In tones trembling with hurt, the people on the folding chairs in the municipal gymnasium were trading indignant charges over the upcoming referendum

on the Northern Ireland peace settlement. Then the quiet and steady voice of Anne Slaine, a white-haired woman in a lilac dress, rose from the

front row, and the room fell silent. "I take a very simplistic view of life," she said, "and I would like to think I could live as an equal to my Catholic neighbor and live in peace and concord and happiness with them all. I, however, am the mother of a young man who was literally cut

in two by a rocket which went through his car, majority Protestant population of Northern Ireland injuring him and killing a female colleague."

She paused and smoothed her lap. "He is a

victim and has to live with that the rest of his life." she said. "I have to watch him. I watch him going about the floor on his bottom using his arms to propel him, and it's a painful situation for me. His children, their friends are afraid of him because of

how he looks. "I would like the situation in Ireland very much to change," she concluded, "but if I vote 'yes,' am

I betraying him and everything he believes in?" In this typical Northern Irish town her comment typified the wariness of change, the fear of betraying family and communal loyalties and the resentful feelings of victimization that have left the

reluctant about approving the peace settlement that they must vote on this Friday.

The respectful silence lasted only a moment before the invective that passes for debate in this bitterly divided province resumed.

From one side of the hall came a pledge to support the accord and a plea for forgiveness from the father of an Irish Republican Army fighter

killed by the police in 1992. From the other came a vow to vote "no" from a woman who believed that the man had killed her

father in 1977. 'I'll never forgive them people as long as I live," said Serena Hamilton. A heavy-set man behind Mrs. Slaine growled,

prepared to acknowledge that the godfathers who planned these massacres will now sit in government?"

Dungannon, a County Tyrone hill town of beef and dairy farmers, small businessmen and steep streets in the geographical middle of Northern Ireland, is sometimes slighted as "the dead cen-

ter" of the province. Never a spot on fashionable itineraries, Tyrone and its neighboring county represented the en-during nature of the Irish conflict as long ago as the aftermath of World War I, when Winston Churchill warned that "as the deluge subsides and the waters

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# 'Others Have Come Here,' Says Father of India's Bomb

By John F. Burns
New York Times Service

EW DELHI — Among the Indian scientists who successfully detonated five nuclear tests in the northwestern desert last week, none seemed more visibly delighted by the acclaim waiting in New Delhi than A. P. J. Abdul Kalam. An impish, shaggy-haired bachelor, Mr. Kalam is widely regarded as the central figure in India's drive to join the small club of nuclear-armed nations.

Mr. Kalam, 66, has never hidden the passion for a powerful India that has driven him since he was growing up in a poor family on the coast of Tamil Nadu. Among colleagues a new word, "kalamitous," was coined to capture the outspokenness with which Mr. Kalam greeted each new delay in the tests, or in getting the money to develop the missiles to deliver nuclear bombs.

When he returned to New Delhi over the weekend from the test site in Rajasthan, Mr. Kalam found himself a national hero, applauded and besieged for autographs, though the tests drew widespread condemnation in the rest of the

"We must think and act like a nation of a billion people, and not like that of a million people, 'he said 'Dream, dream! Conduct these dreams into thought, and then transform them into action."

Only a few years ago, Mr. Kalam became so frustrated with the reluctance of successive governments to approve nuclear tests that he came close to quitting as the government's top scientific adviser to become vice chancellor of the University of Madras. On Sunday, when he appeared with other members of India's nuclear team at a news conference, nobody was surprised when Mr. Kalam stole the show with his readiness to flirt with political is-

N THE MIDDLE of a baffling exposition on "subcritical fissionable materials" and "electronic arming and fusing subsystems," Mr. Kalam turned to a favorite political topic - how a nuclear-armed India will be free of the fear of foreign invasions, which have constantly remolded the ancient Hindu civilization as armies of Macedonians, Persians, Afghans and Britons swept in.

For 2,500 years India has never invaded anybody," he said. "But others have come here, so many others have come."

For many Indians, the references to invasions, many by Muslims, underscored an aspect about Mr. Kalam that is almost as engaging as his unguarded remarks, a biographical fact that is rarely mentioned: Like the captain of the na-



In one of his poems, 'Tumult,' A.P.J. Abdul Kalam asks, 'Did I explore space to enhance science, or did I provide weapons of destruction?

tional cricket team, like some of India's top generals and newspaper editors and diplomats, ike many of its top filmmakers and artists, Mr. Kalam is one of the 120 million Muslims in a nation of 700 million Hindus.

As India celebrated its arrival as a nucleararms power, some said Mr. Kalam's role meant the world now has an "Islamic bomb," but one that belongs to India — an India ruled by Hindu nationalists. The term "Islamic bomb" describes the yearning among some of the world's 1 billion Muslims for the development of nuclear weapons by a Muslim country, most likely Pakistan, India's archrival, which is considering whether to respond to the Indian tests with one of

But though Mr. Kalam is an observant Muslim, his attitudes and tastes speak of his immersion in the broader culture of India. He is an avid reader of ancient Hindu scrip-

tures. He has published poems in Tamil, his first language. And one of his pastimes in his modest walk-up apartment in New Delhi is plucking a veena, a stringed instrument with a curved musical box at each end that is associated with Shiva, a Hindu god who is regarded as both creator and destroyer.

According to one Indian biography, Mr. Kalam knows by heart sections of the bestknown Hindu sacred book, the Bhagavad-Gita. If so, this would give him another link to Robert Oppenheimer, the physicist who led the team that tested the first American atomic bomb, in the New Mexico desert on July 16, 1945. According to some accounts, after the predawn flash signaled the birth of the atomic age, Mr. Oppenheimer quoted a line attributed to Shiva in the Bhagavad-Gita: "Now I am become death, the destroyer of worlds."

A line in one of Mr. Kalam's poems suggests

that he, like Mr. Oppenheimer, has agonized over the moral aspect of his work. Before becoming the chief scientific adviser and leader of the nuclear-weapons team, Mr. Kalam was best known as a missile engineer, working on the program that launched India's first space satellites, and later as the head of the team that developed and test-fired missiles designed to carry nuclear warheads.

In an English translation, the poem, "Tu-mult," asks: "Did I explore space to enhance science, or did I provide weapons of destruc-

VUL PAKIR Jainulabdeen Abdul Kalam was born on Oct. 15, 1931, on Dhanushkodi, an island off Tamil Nadu, where his father rented a boat to fishermen who worked the narrow strait between India and what was then Ceylon, now Sri

Some accounts have said that Mr. Kalam's affection for Hinduism developed when a primary-school teacher separated him as a Muslim and placed him at the back of a classroom, prompting tears from a Brahmin boy who was his best friend. Later, the Brahmin boy's father, spotting scientific ability in the young Kalam, helped pay for him to go to a Roman Catholic high school and to col-

lege. Mr. Kalam has said his ambition was fired by an article about the Supermarine Spitfire, Britain's front-line fighter during World War II, that he read as a small boy delivering a local Tamil

Later, he studied aeronautical engineering at the Madras Institute of Technology, but did not attempt a doctorate. (He has since garnered many honorary degrees.)

His only extended period abroad came when he was part of a five-man Indian team invited to spend four months visiting space research centers in the United States in the early 1960s, during the first year: of the American mannedspace program.

Several of the Indian scientists who led the nuclear test team, including Rajagopal Chidambaram, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, did postgraduate studies in the United States, as have many of the scientists who have worked on Pakistan's nuclear

But Mr. Kalam has insisted that India has achieved its successes in missile development and bomb-building substantially unaided, apart from some early assistance in rocketry from the United States and the Soviet Union.

As for himself, he says, "I am completely

# After Pardon, Big Night ()11 U.K. N. U.K. Nurses Are Freed by Saudi Arabia

LONDON - The two British nurses jailed for murdering an Australian colleague in Saudi Arabia were freed late Wednesday, the Foreign Office an-

The two nurses, Lucille McLauchlan and Deborah Parry, who have been in jail since December 1996, should arrive in Britain on Thursday, a Foreign Office spokesman said.

The Saudi ambassador to London announced late Tuesday that the pair had

been pardoned by King Fahd.
Miss Parry, 39, and Miss McLauchlan, 32, were tried for the murder of an Australian colleague, Yvonne Gilford, who was stabbed 13 times, battered and suffocated at a military hospital in Dhahran on Dec. 11, 1996.

They were arrested the same month and have been held in prison in Dammam, adjacent to Dhahran in eastem Saudi Arabia. Saudi authorities said that the women had confessed to the murder and that they had had a lesbian relationship with Miss Guilford. The confessions were later retracted, and the two pleaded not guilty.

Miss McLauchlan, from Dundee, Scotland, was found guilty of complicity in the murder last year and sentenced to eight years in prison and 500

The sentence against Miss Parry, of Alton, England, was never formally announced by the Islamic court that tried the women, but she risked being beheaded as the main accused.

Miss Parry was saved when Miss Gilford's family in Australia waived its right to demand the death penalty in exchange for diya, or blood money, of \$1.2 million, as provided under Islamic law. The money was raised mostly by British firms with major trading interests in Saudi Arabia.

But the money has yet to be released. Frank Gilford, the brother of the murdered woman, who has said that more than half of it will go to an Adelaide hospital, called Wednesday for the money to be paid.

The nurses' Saudi lawyer described the pardon as a "shining example of Islamic justice.

Miss McLauchlan's lawyer, Peter Watson, was unwilling to say much before the nurses were back home.

But he told BBC radio Wednesday, 'The nurses continue to protest their innocence and certainly as far as the British lawyers are concerned we are aware of no evidence to implicate them in the murder of Yvonne Gil-

The surprise news that the nurses, were being freed came in a statement Tuesday night from the Saudi ambassador to Britain, Ghazi Alghosaibi.

He said King Fahd had issued an order commuting the sentences of the two nurses to the time they had already spent in jail in response to a petition from their families.

It followed the personal intervention of Prime Minister Tony Blair of Britain, who raised the plight of the nurses in talks with King Fahd in Saudi Arabia (AFP, Reuters)

## Iran Shrugs Over U.S. Shift on Penalties

By John Lancaster Washington Post Service

officials have welcomed the hole in the Iran-Libya Sanc- elsewhere who oppose Mr. iting Iranians, following an Clinton administration's de- tions Act, which penalizes cision to waive penalties on a foreign companies that invest multinational energy consor- more than \$20 million a year tium that plans to develop a in Iran's energy industry. vast iranian gas field, callin it a possible step toward better waiver, announced Monday relations between the two in London by President Bill countries. But they did not Clinton and European Union exactly gush with gratitude.

This has a positive aspect, and I think franians will positively receive it," said a it doesn't mean too much concerning the relationship between the two countries.

Like other officials here, the diplomat expressed the

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European opposition to U.S. Iran policy, Washington had TEHRAN — Government little choice but to find a loop-Iran's tedio reaction to the

officials, also reflected the prevailing belief among supporters of President Mohammed Khatemi that Washsenior Iranian diplomat. "But ington has failed to capitalize on Mr. Khatemi's proposal, made in a CNN interview last January, for informal dialogue between the two na-

Many Iranian officials and academics contend that while Mr. Khatemi has lived up to his promise to promote cultural exchanges between the two countries, the United States has not responded in kind. Continued hostility on

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view that, given the depth of the part of Washington, they Iranian diplomats in the European opposition to U.S. say, has strengthened the poin the Iranian Parliament and Khatemi's overtures to the embarrassing episode re-West as a betrayal of the cently in which U.S. customs olution.

> administration "missing an opportunity" in the sense that the "CNN interview was a move on the part of Khatemi that had to be responded to more concretely, said Hadi Semati, a political scientist at Tehran University. 'The U.S. really didn't have to do a lot. It could just lower the rhetoric. There is a balance right now in Iranian domestic politics, and the balance has to be carefully observed."

The State Department has accused Iran of sponsoring terrorism, seeking to acquire nuclear weapons and trying to wreck the Middle East peace process. But Mr. Khatemi's upset election victory last May and his subsequent overture to the United States were welcomed in Washington as a possible turning point in U.S.-Iranian relations.

Contrary to what many Iranians believe, the U.S. ad-ministration has taken modest round of these talks would be steps to respond to Mr. held shortly and lead to a Khatemi's proposal, such as more constructive relationrelaxing travel restrictions on ship.

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sition of religious hard-liners Department is considering an easing of entry barriers to viscountry's 1979 Islamic rev- authorities in Chicago fingerprinted and photographed Iranian wrestlers arriving

goodwill match. In that context, Mr. Clinton's announcement Monday could be seen as a significant event. Not only does the decision waive penalties on three companies - Total of France, Gazprom of Russia and Petronas of Malaysia involved in the \$2 billion project to develop Iran's South Pars gas fields, it also sets a strong precedent that is likely to encourage additional

foreign investment in Iran,

analysts say. ■ EU and Iran to Confer Britain said Wednesday

that the European Union and Iran planned to hold "substantive talks" after a positive meeting between senior officials in Brussels on Tuesday, Reuters reported from London. The spokesman said

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#### TRAVEL UPDATE

#### **Bali Surviving Unrest**

JAKARTA (AP) — As foreigners flee most cities in Indonesia, vacationers are still heading to the beaches of Bali, a resort island seen as a safe haven removed from the riots elsewhere.

"A lot of guests still feel Bali is a world of its own," said Rutger Versehuren. general manager of the Holiday Inn Bali Hai, adding that occupancy at the 200-room resort was at 90 percent Wednesday.

Bali has its own international airport, so tourists can fly there without stop-

The riots in Jakarta and other parts of Indonesia have dealt a devastating blow

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to tourism, one of the principle sources of foreign exchange for Indonesia.

#### Strike Slows Athens

ATHENS (AP) — A four-hour work stoppage by civil servants and transit employees shut down public offices and snarled traffic in Athens on Wednesday. Olympic Airways, n hit with a three-hour strike.

Pollution caused by wildfires prevented four international flights from landing at Guatemala's main airport. The area is suffering one of the worst fire seasons in memory because of a drought

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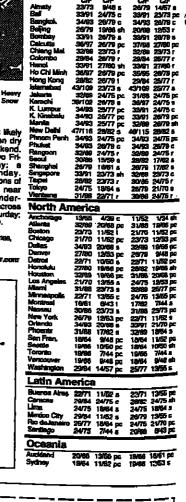
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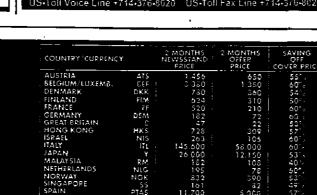
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POLITICAL NOTES

Organized Labor

Changes Tactics

WASHINGTON -- Organized labor, having learned some tough

lessons in the last election, is mak-

ing changes this time, cutting way

back on television spending and

putting more emphasis on old-fash-

ioned grass-roots organizing, in-

cluding a lot of door knocking and

telephone calling. And the AFL-

CIO will take on a modestly bi-

partisanship east in 1998 by sup-

porting a handful of Republican

Union leaders acknowledged

that labor in 1996 failed in its prin-

cipal goal of reversing the Republican majority in the House, but

they contended that 1996 witnessed

the first substantial revival of what

had been a politically moribund;

Their goal this year is to elect labor-friendly House members.

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**FWorld** 

# After Park U.K. Night Out Ended Drug Sting By Molly Moore By Molly Moore was directed by the U.S. Customs Service, implicated some of Mexicus sealed in Los Angeles for Monday. A ments posing as company of the posing a

another gathering of high-rolling, wellheeled business executives who had traveled by private jet to discuss a major deal over dinner and drinks at a casino designed to look like a set from a classic Bogart movie.

After dinner, a convoy of limousines arrived to whisk the men from the Casablanca Casino Resort in Mesquite, Nevada, 75 miles (120 kilometers) across the desert for a night on the town in Las Vegas.

But the limos roared right past the neon lights of downtown and back onto the open highway, where policemen in patrol cars with lights blazing waved them to the side of the road.

Victor Manuel Aleala Navarro's chauffeur lowered the glass partition separating him from the passenger seats and apologized, saying, "Sorry, I guess

I was speeding."
Mr. Alcala Navarro, allegedly a top money launderer for Mexico's most powerful drug cartel, peered out the window at a flock of plainclothes agents heading toward the car and responded: "I think this is more than just a speeding

ticket. The Saturday night limousine roundup on the outskirts of Las Vegas
— as described Tuesday by U.S. Customs authorities familiar with the operation — was part of what law en-forcement officials describe as the largest drug-money laundering case in U.S. history, one that for the first time tied Mexico's banking system directly to the wholesale cleansing of illicit drug

Details of the investigation, in which more arrests were made Tuesday, have stunned Mexico's law enforcement, political and financial establishments none of which was informed of the operation until the formal announcement in Washington on Tuesday.

While both Mexican and U.S. authorities have attempted in the past to prosecute individuals involved in specific cases of money laundering and have documented widespread corruption in Mexican law enforcement and political circles, never before has either government cast an investigative net that attempted to document systematic drug-based corruption in Mexico's financial institutions.

U.S. officials said the investigation could involve as much as \$152 million in more than 100 bank accounts in the United States, Europe and the Carib-

The sting operation, codenamed 'Casablanca,' began with a smallscale investigation three years ago in an attempt to "target and penetrate those people that were invisible to us" businessmen who routed millions of dollars in drug proceeds through complex financial paths that transformed the cash into apparently legitimate business proceeds, according to a senior U.S. Customs Service supervisor who directed the operation.

The sting was set in motion when undercover agents established a front company, which they called Emerald Empire Corporation, with offices in the

Los Angeles suburb of Santa Fe Springs, according to indictments unsealed in Los Angeles federal coun-

Agents posing as company executives then went in search of Mexican banks willing to accept their "duty money. That the money was always presented as drug proceeds was never a factor with the Mexican bankers; the only debate was over the size of the commission the bank would receive for handling the money. Their cut was usually about 4 percent of the amount of the transaction.

The purported drug money was then deposited in Mexican bank accounts under tictitious names and companies. Once deposited, a corrupt banking oflicial - sometimes a branch vice president or a division chief -- would call an unsuspecting counterpart at a U.S. branch of the same bank and tell him to approve a transfer of money involving the fictitious company or individual. Mr. Alcala Navarro, who quickly real-

was one of the undercover agents' best contacts, according to the indictment. Alcala Navarro would locate bankers who worked for banks based in Mexico and request their assistance in laundering money which was represented to be the proceeds of the sale of illegal narcotics," and he played a key role in recruiting

ized he had been trapped on the highway

outside Las Vegas on Saturday night.

other bankers, the indictment said. It described a series of meetings between Mr. Alcala Navarro and law enforcement informers and undercover agents in which he allegedly arranged for the laundering of tens of millions of dollars on behalf of the Juarez cartel in Mexico and the Cali cocaine and heroin syndicate in Colombia.



President Ernesto Zedillo of Mexico listening to residents' economic complaints in the village of Chanal. Chiapas, during a visit to the embattled state. It was his second trip to Chiapas in the past three weeks.

spooked."

#### We will be focusing on issues rather than partisan politics because

our members and the times demand the AFL president, John Sweeney, told the Democratic National Committee this month. "Instead of engaging in left-right politics, or even Democrat versus Republican politics, we'll be concentrating on bottom versus top politics." (WP)

#### Census Quarrel

WASHINGTON - Any pretense that the dispute over how to conduct the 2000 Census is about statistics, not politics, has been stripped away as a coalition of conservative groups joined in the fight and their opponents immediately accused them of being a front for the Republican Party.

More than two dozen organizations announced they were beginning a campaign to oppose the Clinton administration's plan for using a method called statistical sampling to estimate the country's population in the next census. They said sampling would increase the proportion of people counted in urban areas and end up cheating suburban and rural residents, who would lose

federal funding as a result.

Representative Carolyn Maloney, Democrat of New York, shot back that the groups were "shills"

for the Republicans. While both sides have argued that their real goal is an accurate population count, the unstated reality is that both sides believe the way the census is conducted could determine whether the Republicans keep control of the House. (WP)

#### Quote/Unquote

The White House domestic policy adviser, Bruce Reed, in response to legislation expected to pass Congress shortly that would end the tobacco price-support program run by the Agriculture Department and cause an expected sharp drop in the price of tobacco: "We want a good bill for farmers, not a windfall for tobacco compa-

## **AMERICAN**

#### **TOPICS**

#### Churches Use Shock Ads To Galvanize the Young

Churches worried about the souls of the computer-and-rock-video generation are seeking converts with stark new ads that warn that the party will end someday, and possibly sooner rather than later.

In a parody of a popular ad cam-paign for milk-drinking, one TV spor features a bungee jumper realizing middive that no one has secured his cord. As he lands with a thud, the announcer asks "Got Jesus?" In another spot, a young man dons a tuxedo as an announcer says. "All dressed up for the most important day of your life." The camera pulls back to reveal the man sitting in a coffin.

The effectiveness of the ads is hard to prove, but some churches swear by them. The Word of Life Church in Wichita, Kansas, began broadcasting these and other youth-oriented ads four years ago. Its congregation has grown in that period to 800 from

Shane Harwell, marketing director for the Tulsa, Oklahoma, nonprofit company that develops the ads, denied that the ads are unduly shocking. "How are you going to shock

somebody who is into slam dancing or piercing their tongue?" he asked.
"Some people complain about the ads, but then I look at what network TV is doing and you have to laugh that people would even raise an eye-brow."

#### Short Takes

Almost a decade after New York State passed laws to protect patients by reducing the grueling hours of medical residents, a state investigation of 12 hospitals has found that all 12 consistently break the laws, that many residents work longer than 24 hours straight, and that more than half of surgical residents work more than 95 hours a week, 15 hours more than the new limit set by law. But the investigation did not find that the overworked residents made any mistakes that jeopardized patients.

The Papillion Times in Sarpy County, Nebraska, is laying down the law. The weekly newspaper now requires people writing letters to the editor about political issues to be regresponse to what the paper called a 'pathetic" turnout by county voters in the May 12 primary election - 24 percent. "Much like bellybutton lint, opinions from citizens who are not involved in the democratic process are not worth much," said an editorial announcing the policy.

Brian Knowlton

## Gingrich Attacks on China Allegations option. Some of our members are pretty

By Alison Mitchell Vew York Times Service

WASHINGTON - Saying that very stark questions of national security" are at stake, Newt Gingrich, the speaker of the House, has announced the creation of a special committee to investigate President Bill Clinton's decision to waive export controls over advanced space technology to China.

Mr. Gingrich said he would propose to House Democrats that the committee be led by Representative Christopher Cox. Republican of California.

He said the committee would focus on issues ranging from the recent reports that a Chinese military officer gave \$100,000 in political contributions to a Democratic fund-raiser during the 1996 presidential election to the question of whether an American satellite maker passed sensitive technological information to China.

paign finance," Mr. Gingrich said Tuesday, seeking to elevate the issue above the recent House investigation into Mr. Clinton's 1996 campaign financing.

"This has to do with the national security of the United States," he said, "and the effort by a foreign military to penetrate our political system and the effort by some people to give the Chinese secrets in violation of American law. This is a profoundly deeper

question than anything that has arisen in this administration.

The House must vote to create a special committee, but Mr. Gingrich virtually dared the Democrats to object to such a panel, which he said would consist of five Republicans and three Democrats.

I think the country would be very curious as to why the Democrats would not want to know that the Chinese were getting American military secrets," he

Representative Richard Gephardt of Missouri, the Democratic leader, has already signaled his opposition to such a move, and a spokesman said his position had not changed. But a senior Democratic official acknowledged that boycotting such a committee "is not an

high-technology exports to China.

Earlier in the day, Mr. Gingrich com-

pared the administration's failure to

stop China and Russia from transferring

weapons technology to Iran to Britain's

early appeasement of Hitler.
The New York Times reported last

week that lawyers and officials have said that Johnny Chung, a Democratic

fund-raiser, told federal investigators

that a Chinese military officer, Lieutenant Colonel Liu Chaoying, had funneled nearly \$100,000 into Demo-

And there have been questions about

whether an American aerospace com-

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cratic campaign committees.

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• The bill most often dispensed by warn everyone to avoid strenuous out-ATMs and the largest denomination most Americans encounter in their daily business — the \$20 — is getting a new design aimed at discouraging counterfeiting. It will look a lot like the already redesigned \$100 and \$50 notes, with an enlarged off-center portrait, cleaner lines and more blank space. (AP)

**Away From Politics** 

 Hot temperatures and low winds have led to a severe pollution problem in Florida, prompting state officials to

door activities during the day.

 The U.S. aircraft carrier Yorktown has been found more than three miles down on the Pacific floor, almost 56 years after being torpedoed during the decisive Battle of Midway.

A man who had been on death row in Texas nearly 21 years was executed by injection for the murder of a 19-yearold college student.

## Lord Cudlipp, Publisher, Dies

LONDON — Lord Cudlipp of Alding-bourne, 84, one of the most combative figures

in British journalism who was credited with creating the feisty modern British tabloid. died Sunday at home in Chichester, southern England, from lung cancer, his family said. Lord Cudlipp became Fleet Street's youngest editor when he took over the Sunday Pictorial now the Sunday Mirror, at the age of

was "a walking, talking tabloid newspaper from his teens.'

24. A former colleague at the Sunday Pictorial, Colin Valdar, said once that Lord Cudlipp

"He even spoke in an urgent, telegraphic newspaper style," Mr. Valdar said.

Working his way through the company ranks, he served as Sunday Pictorial editor from 1937 to 1940 and again from 1946 to 1949. A series of editorial and managerial jobs followed, and in 1968 he was appointed chairman of International Publishing Corporation, owner of The Daily Mirror and Sunday Mirror and one of the world's largest publishing groups.

For many years Lord Cudlipp was a staunch Labour Party supporter and in 18 years on The Daily Mirror, where he served successively as features editor, editorial director and managing editor, he ensured it

backed the party.

It was during this period that he led the field in questioning the status quo - and other tabloids followed suit.

made a life peer in 1974, and accused the Associated Press.

British government of "bungling" the 1956 Suez Canal crisis.

Alan D. Williams, 72, U.S. Editor And Publisher With Viking Penguin New York Times Service

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NEW YORK — Alan D. Williams, 72, editor and publisher of books by authors ranging from the thriller-writer Frederick Forsyth and Stephen King to the novelist Nadine Gordimer, who won the Nobel Prize in Lirerature in 1991, died on Sunday of cancer at his home in lersey Circ. Nav. Lersey

his home in Jersey City. New Jersey.

Mr. Williams snapped up the U.S. rights to the action-adventure novel "Day of the Jackal" by Mr. Forsyth, an Englishman who was little known in America until the book be-

with Viking Paraguin for 10 years and use with Viking Penguin for 19 years and was editorial director and vice president there from 1975 to 1984.

Wendel Chang, 47, Journalist And Financial Editor in Taiwan Reuters

TAIPEI — Wendel Chang, 47, a longtime Taiwan journalist and founding editor of Reu-ters Chinese-language editorial service, died

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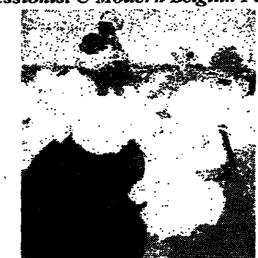
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## Indonesian Opposition Seeks Leader

By Mark Landler New York Times Service

JAKARTA — Cast an eye across the sprawling Parliament grounds here, with its tens of thousands of students cheering and pumping their fists, and one would think that Indonesia is being swept up in a "people power" revolution similar to that of the Philippines

But as the student occupation of Parliament enters its fourth day, it is becoming increasingly apparent that the protest movement lacks a leader like Corazon Aquino, the widow of a slain opposition leader who inspired people and vanquished Ferdinand Marcos by the sheer force of her moral authority.

'This is one of the biggest problems with Suharto's 32 years in power," said Umar Juoro, a political analyst at the Center for Information and Development Studies in Jakarta. "He hasn't given anybody inside or outside the government the opportunity to develop into a credible leader.

To the extent that Indonesia has a main opposition leader, it is Amien Rais, a 54-year-old political scientist who runs Indonesia's second-largest Muslim organization. Mr. Rais has won the trust of students as an authentic voice of change. But he does not yet have the political clout to take on President Suharto, a wily autocrat who has spent three decades muzzling would-be

The limits of Mr. Rais's power were laid bare Wednesday when he was forced to cancel a huge rally planned for Jakarta's main square. For days, Mr. Rais had promised to put one million people on the streets, drawing on the 28 million members of his Muslim organization, Muhammadiyah. But in the predawn hours of Wednesday, after the

WASHINGTON — A U.S. Mar-

ine Corps amphibious force led by a

helicopter carrier is being diverted

toward Indonesia in case a military

evacuation of Americans is needed

from Jakarta in coming days, the commander of the Marine Corps said

General Charles Krulak said the

navy helicopter carrier Belleau

Wood and two support ships carrying

about 2.000 Marines would take up

positions north of Jakarta over the

next four or five days in case civil

unrest in Indonesia's capital again

The U.S. State Department has

ordered all nonessential U.S. Em-

bassy workers and their dependents

to leave Jakarta because of recent

violent protest against the continuing

emphasized that U.S. forces would be

uate Americans using commercial or

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Wednesday.

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army mustered its own menacing presence, Mr. Rais decided that the potential for violence was too great to go for-.

Indonesia's other major opposition figure, Megawati Sukarnoputri, has more in common with Mrs. Aquino than Mr. Rais. Like Mrs. Aquino, who was married to the beloved Filipino politician Benigno Aquino, Mrs. Megawati has an emotive tie to her country's political history. She is the daughter of Indonesia's first president, Sukarno, whom Mr. Suharto ousted in 1966.

Mrs. Megawati, 50, is also a living symbol of Mr. Suharto's repressive tactics. In June 1996, she was ousted as the head of the Indonesian Democratic Party in a coup engineered by pro-Suharto forces. But she has preached a policy of restraint in opposing the Suharto government, Mrs. Megawati has scarcely been visible during the tumultuous events of the last two weeks and even her admirers say she may be consigning herself to political irrelevance in the new Indonesia.

"She has to hurry up and catch her moment in history, and history doesn't wait around," said Wirnar Witoelar, a television commentator here, "She's a very good person, but then, we need a

Opposition leaders in Indonesia operate in a near-total vacuum, since Mr. Suharto dominates the country's political institutions through his ruling Golkar party, and the military through his hand-picked generals. Mr. Rais has been able to carve out a role through his religious organization, which provides education and health-care services to Indonesia's huge Muslim population. But as he has grown more political, Mr. Rais has run afoul of the Suharto re-

Among students at the Parliament

The Belleau Wood was scheduled

to take part in a military exercise with

Thai forces in the Gulf of Thailand

beginning this week. But General

Krulak said Wednesday that the

three-ship Amphibious Ready Group

was instead being moved southward

in the South China Sea in case it was

General Krulak said, "they will sail to the vicinity of Indonesia and will

basically bore holes in the ocean to

He added: "They are prepared and

they do have contingency plans to

execute a NEO" or noncombatant

evacuation operation. "Hopefully it

would be one that was not op-

On Tuesday, Britain urged all of its

citizens still in Indonesia to leave the

country immediately and several em-

bassies in Jakarta have chartered

eigners to nearby foreign cities, in-

cluding Singapore and Bangkok.

see what happens in Indonesia."

'For the next four or five days,'

Wednesday, there was understanding but palpable disappointment at Mr. Rais's decision to call off the rally. The students are genuinely fond of Mr. Rais, a diminutive figure whom people describe as charming and quick-witted. When he came here Wednesday to speak to the students, they cheered him enthusiastically and gathered expectantly to listen.

But Mr. Rais did not galvanize the masses with a 10-minute address that rehashed old themes and contained few rhetorical flourishes. At one point he compared Mr. Suharto and his family to the pugilists of the World Wrestling Federation, saying, "When they are on top, they don't like to come down."

'I expected Amien Rais to pull his act together and make a strong statement," said Arin Barus, a 21-year-old social sciences student at the University of Indonesia. "But he didn't inspire the students."

Nevertheless, the student said Mr.

Rais had their support.
"He's got the trust of students," Mr.
Witoelar said, "He's the one man we can trust, and trust is what this is all Mr. Rais is not without his detractors.

In the past, he has complained about the over-representation of Roman Catholics in the government. And he favors affirmative action programs targeted toward indigenous Muslims, a position that unnerves ethnic Chinese people, who have already been victims of racial

Mr. Rais has played down these beliefs in recent years. On Wednesday, in his speech at the Parliament, he made a point of reaching out to people of all faiths. Mr. Juoro, who is a political advisor to Mr. Rais, said it was part of his transformation from a scholar and a religious leader into a politician.



Indonesian students protesting Wednesday at the Parliament building.

## Anti-Suharto Groups Get Key U.S. Aid

By Tim Weiner New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - While trying to shore up President Suharto, the Clinton administration has also been giving crucial support to some of the most important Indonesian opposition groups, hoping to promote a transition to a democratic society.

The money has come from the U.S. Agency for International Development, better known for building dams and roads than creating bridges to political opponents of authoritarian leaders.

The sum, \$26 million since 1995, is relatively small among U.S. foreign-aid programs. But it has been vital to the survival of groups that support human rights and free speech in Indonesia.

The money from AID is the largest source of support for such groups as the Indonesia Legal Aid Society, headed by Adnan Buyung Nasution, a leading figure in the democracy movement.

The group is giving free legal counsel to political figures and students arrested by the government in the current crisis. the type of role that the society has played for years.

The U.S. agency has helped Indonesian rights advocates "monitor humanrights issues, mobilize public opinion and monitor extralegal activities, corruption and abuse of the poor" by the Suharto government, said Sharon Cromer, deputy director of the AID mission in Indonesia

The support has ensured the survival of groups that are emerging as leaders of the opposition in Indonesia, "despite their being constrained by the authoritarian system," Ms. Cromer said.

AID has supported 30 nongovernmental organizations in Indonesia, agency representatives said. The organizations include an environmental group that is fighting a large American mining company on behalf of people who live near the company's projects; a coalition of journalists whose work was banned by the Indonesian government, a women's rights group and a consumers' rights foundation.

"AID is the largest financial supporter to and the most active donor in this controversial sector." the agency told

Congress in a recent budget request. Peter Galbraith, a former senior counsel to AID, said. "The idea was to send a message that the United States was concerned about something other than the banks and the economic issues. that we thought about the ordinary people of Indonesia, and to prepare for a possible transition from Suharto to what we hope will be a more democratic and stable system."

William Little, a professor of Indonesia studies at Ohio University and a former AID consultant, said the program had been a success.

"A democracy requires a civil so-ciety," Mr. Little said. "Indonesia has been like the Soviet Union. The government controls most civil society organizations. It creates them or determines who their leaders are. The point of the program was to try to develop these groups. The groups are now leading figures in the opposition,"

In the last five years, programs like the one in Indonesia have been created by the director of the agency, Brian Atwood, in more than 25 missions around the world in nations including Guatemala, Kenya. South Africa and the Philippines.

But the Indonesian program has come under fire from some supporters of the present Jakarta government, including Freeport-McMoran Copper & Gold of New Orleans, the largest single foreign investor in Indonesia. It argues that the United States should not support Walhi, an Indonesian environmental and human-rights group that has attacked the company's projects as detrimental to Indonesians near Freeport mines.

Despite pressure from the company, the U.S. ambassador in Indonesia, Stapleton Roy, stood by the program.

BRIEFLY

#### Ruling Party Clears Way for Estrada

MANILA — The governing party's candidate promised Wednesday not to block Vice President Joseph Estrada's proclamation as winner of the Philippine presidential election last week, virtually conceding defeat.

But the House speaker, Jose de Venecia, who is trailing far behind Mr. Estrada in the unofficial count, said leaders of his Lakas-NUCD party had advised him not to make a 'premature concession' because it might cause local ballot watchers to quit and affect the outcome of vote counting for local races.

"I will not use my position to block front-runner Joseph Estrada's proclamation by Congress and will help him unite the nation," Mr. de Venecia said. "I love my country more than my bid for the presidency."
Mr. de Venecia's statement di-

minished fears that protests by the governing party or counting fraud could create instability and a rocky transition to a new government.

With about 82 percent of the ballots counted, Mr. Estrada led with about 37 percent.

#### Severe Storm Kills 29 in Bangladesh

CHITTAGONG, Bangladesh, -A severe storm has left at least 29 people dead and more than 100 injured after battering Bangladesh's southeast coast, volunteers and other monitors said Wednesday.

The storm, with winds of up to 145 kilometers (90 miles) an hour, swept areas around Cox's Bazar and Chittagong at midnight Tuesday.

It brought heavy rain and threatened the region with a strong tidal surge, officials said. Thousands of houses were damaged. Chit-tagong officials said. Most casualties were caused by flying debris.

Kabir Ahmed, president of the Cox's Bazar Fishing Boat Owners Association, expressed concern for some 4,000 fishermen still at sea. For Security Paral

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#### Seoul Leader Plans U.S. Visit in June

SEOUL — President Kim Dae Jung will visit the United States from June 6 to 14, during which he will meet with President Bill Clinton, the Presidential Secretariat said Wednesday.

At the meeting set for some time from June 8 to 11, Mr. Kim is expected to request active U.S. assistance to help his country overcome economic difficulties, the secretariat said. Mr. Kim, who took office in Feb-

ruary, also plans to deliver a speech at a joint session of Congress session and meet International Monetary Fund and World Bank leaders. (Reuters)

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between India and Pakistan. Mr. Vajpayee shrugged off Lal Krishna Advani, the Indian home minister, said this week that Pakistan should stop supporting rebels in Kashmir or be prepared to face the consequences.

In Washington on Tuesday, the State Department spokesman, James Rubin, called on New Delhi to tone down its rhetoric.

But Mr. Advani warned Pakistan again Wednesday tists and other workers, then not to step up its support for Kashmiri militants. Terror-ism, he said, will be miles) southwest of New Del- crushed, without false pity."

There has been some domestic opposition to the nuclear tests. Dozens of Indian "We are prepared to pay scientists from a number of any price and sacrifices for leading institutions have writpreserving the national secu- ten open letters protesting the stand up immediately and oprity and nothing is more su-preme to us," the prime min-day. About 75 of them signed ister told soldiers guarding a "lener of dismay," led by scientists from the Institute of

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# China Grapples With Aging of Its Population

By Erik Eckholm New York Littles Service

GUANGZHOU, China - Liu Xiaoying, 80, widowed and full of spark, decided to move into the East

Wind Elderly Home last autumn. It is a privately run 15-bed facility off a bustling lane where, with help from her seven children, she paid an entrance fee of more than \$1,000 and pays \$90 a month to live. She walks to the park to practice tai chi, she window-shops, she gets visits from her children and grandchildren.

They are busy working and they just have different living habits from me," she says of her children. "I like

it here," she adds, giggling that she has gained weight since arriving. A boom in old-age homes, in defiance of the traditional practice of parents staying with their children, is one of the more dramatic signs of

China's demographic aging. He Yixi, 35, runs the East Wind center for profit, renting the building from the district government. He also runs a much larger for-profit elderly home, with a nursing wing for the infirm, in another part of the city, as well as two for-profit kindergartens.

"This market has potential, he said of elderly care. "I hope to set up more and more of these homes." His hope is shared by the government, which is inviting individual investors and corporations to operate old-age and nursing homes to help meet a soaring social need.

The graying of the world's largest population, although still in its ini-

tial stage, is already affecting ev-erything from family living tradi-because of longer survival and smaltions to urban attitudes about the

merits of sons versus daughters. The rising proportion of elderly people reflects longer life expectancies and the effects of China's stringent family-planning policies. Many Chinese baby boomers have had only one child and are now facing layoffs at work, giving rise to fears about their fate in old age.

Because the rising share of elderly retirees coincides with the collapse of the Communist system of cradleto-grave welfare, China must also

By the middle of the coming century, one in every four Chinese will be aged 60 or more.

scramble to create Western-style pension and social security programs on a vast scale. In the meantime, it faces the task of providing for a generation that never expected

to be cast loose in old age.
As in the West, the real challenge will begin when the baby boomers. the offspring of a surge in births in the 1950s, begin to retire after the year 2010, then continue on into their 70s and 80s, many needing financial and physical help.

Right now, more than 120 million Chinese, or about 10 percent of the population, are over 60, the retirement age here for most people. By

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ler families, one in every four Chinese, or 410 million, will be aged 60 or more, according to government projections. If the aging is not yet as

advanced as in Europe or North America, it is occurring as China remains, at best, a middle-income country, without the resources that advanced Western countries have invished on senior citizens. China's baby boomers face some

special problems, said Peng Xizhe, director of the Institute of Population Research at Fudan University in Shanghai. Many of them lost the chance for a good education because of the turnult of the Cultural Revolution of 1966 to 1976, when colleges were often closed down and students were sent to the countryside for a "red education."

Once married, many were allowed to have only one child. This means they are less likely to have children able and willing to care for them. Aiready, many urban people say, in a reversal of the old norm, a daughter is preferable to a son because she is more likely to attend to the parents.

And now, with the stringent program of pruning redundant workers from state enterprises and government agencies, tens of millions of the baby boomers are being laid off from their jobs, hobbling their ability to build equity in the new pension plans and in some cases hampering their ability to provide for their elderly parents.

families and the government will do all it can to encourage family support, said Zhang Wenfan, head of the China National Committee on Aging. an official advisory group. The short-age of housing in most of China often puts children in compention with their parents for space, and anguish over housing disputes and relations with the children have been common topics for callers to Beijing's recently

created hot line for elderly women. In the cities in recent years, grown children have often lived with their parents less out of filial piety than because they had no alternative. Many young couples are anxious to move into less crowded quarters as soon they can rent or buy their own place. But sometimes children pressure elderly parents to move out.

Though honoring parents is a pil-lar of Confucian tradition, the government wrote an obligation of children to help support their parents into a 1996 law on the rights of the elderly and into another law on the rights of women.

A growing awareness of that ob-ligation has even led to a spurt of lawsuits from neglected parents. In each of the last two years, the Qianxi Rural Legal Services Center in Hebei Province has handled about 10 new cases in nearby rural areas involving neglect of parents, said the director, Wang Xuzhen. Some are resolved through mediation while others have gone to court. where the children are forced to pay Most of China's elderly, especially or are sometimes jailed for neglect.

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> "The asymmetries ar such," he said, "that it is almost impossible for us to sustain a conventional war with India for any reasonable length of time, and the Indians know, it. Therefore, for us, the response has to be on the basis of strategic weapons.

any offer, the officials said. But it is clear that Pakistan cannot be deterred by threats of economic sanctions or incentives such as increased aid or the delivery of combat jets purchased long ago but never turned over to Pakistan because of restrictions voted by

Only an ironclad commitment to defend Pakistan similar to the U.S. commitment to commitment Japan could carry sufficient weight to persuade Pakistan not to test, Pakistani officials said, and even that might not enough because the Pakistani public believes Washington did not do enough to deter India's five Pakistan on one side and India and Russia on the other.

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U.S. officials said it is a hopeful sign that Mr. Sharif has waited this long and appears willing to wait longer to see how the United States, China and others respond to India's action and whether they can develop a package of

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# Japan Leads (but Few Follow) in Switch to Costly Digital Video Camera

By Miki Tanikawa International Herald Tribune

NOKYO — The advancing wave of digitalization has hit video cameras, making them handier and market shares outside Japan. more streamlined, with higher picture and sound quality.

brethren in image quality, the digital version of the video camera has beaten its analog predecessor, experts say.

arena in the autumn of 1995, the digital of a conventional videocasvideo camera has rapidly been replacing analog video cameras in the Japanese market, where consumer attitudes to- conductor-based memory ward video quality are among the fussi- employed by digital still est in the world.

Unit sales of digital video cameras in Japan overtook those of the analog-for- video cameras are an immat kind for the first time last year, with nearly 70 percent of the market, according to Electronics Industries Association of Japan. Now, many retail lution of 500 lines, at least a stores report that more than 80 percent of 20 percent improvement the video cameras they sell are digital.

But the cameras' high prices have video recorders, they delivkept consumers at bay in Western mar- er higher image quality with kets. The Japanese trade group predicts improved color. that in Germany, for example, digital camcorders will not overtake analog ones for another two years, and that it will not happen in the United States until 2001, when digital cameras will account for 3 million of the projected 4.4 million annual camcorder sales.

Prices in Japan range around the equivalent of \$1,500, about 50 percent below their initial prices but still about twice as high as for comparable analog tronics analyst at Dresdner

In the United States, digital video cam-eras cost \$1,800 to \$2,500, while analog ferences among the various The Panasonic NV-DS7 has a multi-image display that can show nine consecutive still shots.

versions range from \$400 to \$800.

Perhaps as a result, digital video cameras hold a paltry 5 percent of the market common commodity for all." in the United States and 8 percent in Germany — but those are their highest

In digital video, the picture image is While still-photography film cameras a "charged coupled device." This in- play monitor screen to zoom in on the TRV-9, which can operate for more than retain a decisive edge over their digital formation is converted into digital sig- target, or the Panasonic NV-DS7's eight hours without a battery recharge.

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In fact, since its debut in the consumer which is one-eighth the size sette, as their recording medium, rather than the semi-

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products on the market were not so great multi-image display, which splits the because "digital technology itself is a screen into nine blocks to show consecutive still shots, in case you wanted to ballooning number of Japanese users of Thus, camcorder users are often analyze your golf swings or preserve the of photos capturing a moving image.

Meanwhile, Sony Corp., the market

gital video camera is appealing to the personal computers who want to transfer still images, which can be generated by most digital video cameras, through the

But what is the advantage of using a digital video camera instead of a digital still camera to produce still pictures?

'You don't miss the decisive moment," said Nobuharu Kakegawa, a spokesman for the audiovisual products division at Panasonic, part of Mat-sushita Electric Industrial

As technology and infrastructure for data transmission improve, analysts say, users of digital video cameras may be able to send and receive moving pictures in real time via

"Then you might have mini-broadcasting staeverywhere, said tions'' Akira Kadota, another spokesman for Panasonic.

Theoretically, the same magnetic tape can be used for digital and analog recording, though manufacturers use tape of better quality for digital cameras. A consumer plugs the digital recorder directly into a television or videocassette player to play the

Like the digital still camera, the di- compact body and flexible design that enhance portability and fashion appeal.

Sharp Corp., for instance, sees an elegant woman gracefully shooting moving images at a chic outdoor cafe, using its shapely VL-EF1.

"We wanted to expand the range of population who use video cameras to include people like women in their 20s and older people," a company spokesman, Masaru Yamawaki, said, noting that video cameras had been used predominantly by families with children

We conceived of a soft and fashionable design and reduced mechanical features like buttons."

The ZR model from Canon Corp. also is an attempt to depart from the common appearance of the video camera and embrace the style of the compact camera. With the camera-like design of the ZR, which weighs only 530 grams (19 ounces), "if you hang it from your neck, you don't have to pull it out from somewhere and then take the shooting pos-ture," said Kakashi Kuniyoshi, chief of the digital products development center

The race among makers of digital video cameras is so far confined to five Japanese contenders, while about 30 makers are vying in the cutthroat digital still camera market.

But while most manufacturers are shifting resources to developing digital video cameras, Sony and others remain committed to churning out new analog models and vow to continue to service analog clients, at least for now.

"There will always be people who choose more economical alternatives, The cassette's tiny size said Hiroaki Komatsu, manager of accords digital cameras one products and marketing public relations

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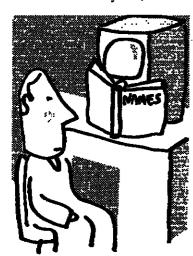
By Mitchell Martin

TEW YORK --- "Please choose a log-on name." Five words that strike terror, or at least ennui, into the heart of your average Netizen. Even before the Internet allowed consumers to deal directly with businesses, there were identities and passwords for mainframes at work, automated teller machines and home and office security systems.

Rarely can you use the same codes for your various accounts. Some need numbers, others letters; most have attached to their chosen passwords. minimum numbers of characters, all have maximums. Sometimes you pick them yourself, sometime the provider picks them; sometimes you can change them, and sometimes you cannot.

In the past two years, it has gotten worse, thanks to the Internet, as users take on more identities for on-line brokers, the automated travel agents, the information services, the professional organizations, the retailers. I have about a dozen already; that could double this year.

There are three kinds of Web sites: those that are entirely free, those that



require registration and those that charge money. The free sites allow you to visit and look around, but for the other kinds, you need an identity, which usually consists of a log-on name and a password. Because of differing architectures, they are rarely the same from one site to the next.

I recently tried to register with The New York Times, a parent of this newspaper that is the purveyor of a popular Web site. The site is free for U.S. residents, but it requires a fair amount of information before granting access to such sections as the classified real-estate ads. I provided it and then tried to use for my identity something often easy to remember: my name.

The Times computer politely informed me that my name was taken, and suggested I might like to be Mitch217. Well, not really; how would I remember that? What if some other site wanted me to be Mitch310?

You can store your identities on your computer — and in the case of The Times, the identity can be stored automatically in the preferences folder attached to your browser software - but what if you are traveling and using somebody else's computer?

What if you buy a new computer? So I tried Martin. It suggested Martin282. Obviously, my name was not going to work, I tried Bronx, my native county and an unlikely choice, I thought. The Times suggested Bronx45. Herald? Herald14. Tribune? Tribune6. Shawnee (my bunkhouse at camp some time ago)? Shawnee12. Spuds (the party dog)? Spuds10.

What about Lauriston, the street I used to live on in Paris? Somebody got there first, too. The Times suggested Lauriston 1. Finally, I got a name that did not

require a number: Babadinga, the name of a Mozambican warlord. "That's what you can expect with 4 million unique IDs," said Chris Neimeth, a spokesman for the electronic division of The Times, who confirmed that 216 other Mitches, 281 Martins

Why doesn't the Times — and everybody else --- just let users have duplicate names as iong words are different?

and 9 Spuds had had to accept numbers

"We try and make it as easy as possible," Mr. Neimeth said, noting that if a user forgets his or her password, the Times computer will provide it upon receiving the backup password, such as the maiden name of the user's mother, that it requested

during the initial sign-up.
"We've gone through this issue," Mr. Neimeth said. "It relates to if you forget your password. You might have the same mother's maiden name

as somebody else with your log-on." "Passwords are, unfortunately, the bane of many consumers' existence," said Tom Wang, director of strategic services at Organics Inc., a Web development company. "Many sites require passwords, and those passwords from the consumer's standpoint should be consolidated so that you have only one or two names and passwords."

It was easier, he said, before the advent of the World Wide Web. When the proprietary services of America Online Inc., CompuServe Corp. and Prodigy were synonymous with being on-line, once users logged onto one of the systems, all of the retailers, clubs and information providers associated with that system could immediately recognize them.

Mr. Wang said that in the short run. portals" to the Web, sites such as Yahoo and Netscape that users often consult at the beginning of an on-line session, might provide a similar singular identity to the Web at large.

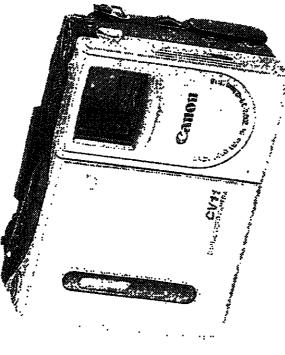
ut in the longer term, it will be B up to the companies that make Web browsers, essentially Microsoft Corp. and Netscape Communications Corp., to set standards that would allow for unique identities, perhaps something as easy as an in-

dividual's electronic-mail addresses. Microsoft and Netscape, companies often at odds, are cooperating on this issue. They are working with VeriSign Inc. to create "digital certificates," according to Edith Gong of Netscape. "It's like your driver's license,

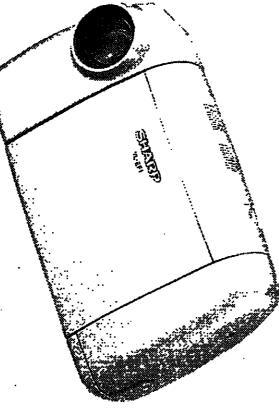
something everybody recognizes. VeriSign says it has already sold digital identifications to more than 2 million individuals and 45,000 Web sites. It sells two classes of certificates, one for \$9.95 a year and a

more informative version for \$19.95. The idea is that VeriSign becomes a trusted third party. Consumers will provide it their personal details, and Web sites will accept it as a reliable compiler of that information. The digital certificate can then be incorporated into each consumer's browser, so that whenever users log onto a site, their identities are immediately known.

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The CV11, a lightweight digicam from Canon.



Sharp Corp.'s VL-EF1 digital video camera.

## Filmless Cameras Go Mainstream

#### Taking High-Quality Digital Photos Has Become Affordable

A year ago, high-quality

digital cameras cost

By Marty Katz New York Times Service

TEW YORK — After a few years of dipping a tentative toe in the marketing waters, computing and photography companies are confident enough of the promise of a mass market for filmless photography to take a real plunge this

A year ago, making high-quality digital pictures was still the province of newspaper photo departments that could justify \$20,000 cameras, art directors who could buy exotic film scanners and printers and a few brave souls who tried to make amateur digital cameras work well enough for art or commerce. Hardware cheap enough for amateurs or

small companies was adequate for Web images, medium-quality prints, or, in a pinch, usable emailed newspaper pictures.

Now things are different. \$20,000 and were used This spring, manufacturers anprimarily by professionals. nounced a crop of inexpensive megapixel-and-above cameras at the spring Comdex and Photo

Marketing Association shows. A pixel, or picture—these cameras will be arriving element, is a dot of color on a photo; the more pixels a era will be announced: The Kodak 260, originally set carnera is capable of producing per photo, the higher for spring release, has been the subject of intense

There were many less-than-megapixel models in the \$300 to \$600 range, with respectable performance and features. The excitement, though, was about affordable million-pixel cameras able to make images good enough for professional use or impressive

Most were in prototype form; when working models will actually be on store shelves is a question. Most have LCD screens and television outputs, and use easily obtainable AA batteries; they differ in that some have real zoom lenses and some have no zoom or use the camera's computer to create a zoom effect. Three notable models:

•Nikon: The \$899, 1.23-megapixel Coolpix 900 has a strange form; two halves that rotate. The camera has a real zoom lens, which makes it a bit larger than other nonzooming cameras in this group. A low-light feature allows for flash exposures that pick up details in backgrounds that might otherwise go dark. The odd form makes the taking of pictures in directions one is not looking seem natural, handy perhaps if one needs to sneak up on a wary child engrossed in cute behavior. The Coolpix 900 uses readily obtainable AA batteries. It is to ship soon.

•Olympus: The currently shipping \$799 D340L is a small point-and-shoot camera that looks like a reg-ular Olympus Stylus film camera, but it is a 1.23megapixel digital camera. Although it is a camera with few controls, it is an extremely well-behaved device. It seems well suited for close-up and portrait work, and does a little less well with far away subjects, partly due to the wide-angle-only lens; it does have a digital zoom feature that enlarges an image electronically (at the

expense of resolution). It uses common AA batteries. Last fall, the Olympus D600L, a 1.4-megapixel zoom camera, was the leader of the field in resolution, but it was hard to use. One reason was its use of SSFDC media, also called SmartMedia, to store images. There was no way to get images from camera to computer without using special software and cabling. But Olympus has now put out PC-card adapters and a 3.5-inch disk slot holder called Flashpath that enables computers to read the SmartMedia format. These changes make both the D600L and the new D340L easier and

•Fuji: The very cute, \$799 MX-700 turns on with a display of tiny, whirling, ruby LEDs and a series of beeps, and it is small enough to fit in a shirt pocket. The

resolution is 1.3-megapixels. It has a wide-angle-only lens, but a selectable in-camera sharpening function makes the images snappier. There are several other picture adjustment controls, but the camera uses a built-in, proprietary rechargeable battery. The unit began shipping May 1.
At about the same time that

speculation and it sports features that make it the 600pound gorilla of the affordable megapixel digicam

world. The 260 has been shown to third-party developers, but to Kodak's consternation, they have not been tightlipped. Features have been posted to Web sites and all indications are that the camera will be quite popular.

The 1.6-million-pixel 260 is said to have a wide-totelephoto optical zoom lens (not just an electronic enlarging of an image); it is supposed to use the more readily available Compact Flash method of storing photos and AA batteries. It is also said to be priced well under \$1,000.

By comparison, recent high-end professional cameras have only had 1.3 million pixels.

A new 2-million-pixel camera built on a Canon EOS body has just begun shipping; it is called the D2000 by Canon, and the DCS520 by project-partner Kodak. At \$14,995 for the camera body only, this full-featured model puts the consumer-level versions in a new

#### SITES

C-Net reviews 28 digital cameras at:

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www.kodak.com/daiHome/DLC/

#### BRIEFLY

•CIAO, MICKEY: Walt Disney Co. this week launched its first subscriber-supported Web site in Europe, in partnership with the Internet unit of Telecom Italia SpA.

The Italian phone company and Disney will operate three Italian-language versions of popular Disney Web sites, including an Italian version of Disney's Daily Blast, a subscription-based interactive game service. They will be initially offered to Telecom Italia Network subscribers free of charge but will later require a fee. (Reuters)

•VENTURESOME CAPITAL-ISTS: U.S. venture-capital investments soared 54 percent, to \$3.6 billion, in the first quarter, led by investments in communications, software and information companies, according to a Price Wa-

terhouse survey released this week. Investors poured \$1.82 billion, or just over half of the total, into businesses in those categories, the consulting firm's quarterly National Venture Capital Survey said. Health-care companies attracted \$428 million, or 12 percent of the

The rate of venture-capital investing matches the record pace set last year. the record of \$3.7 billion set in the fourth quarter of 1997.

Silicon Valley, home to many technology companies, attracted \$821 million, followed by New England with \$544 million. (Bloomberg)

•CYBER GOES POSTAL: France plans to equip 1,000 post offices around the country with pay-as-you-use Internet sites complete with young Web surfers ready to explain the computer network to beginners. The Cyber-Poste service, due to be

set up by the beginning of next year, can be used to visit Web sites, join discussion groups or send e-mail. Users pay with a smart card that costs 50 francs (\$8.35) for the first hour and can be recharged at 30 francs for an

additional hour.

•FLAT PANELS, SHRINKING PRICES: Compaq Computer Corp. said this week that it had cut prices as much as 36 percent on its flat-panel displays, the thin monitors that appear to

be the coming fashion in PC viewing. The recently announced TFT450, a 14.5-inch (36.8-centimeter) viewable flat-panel display, has been reduced 25 percent, to \$1,199. The TFT500, a 15inch display, has been reduced 36 per-The first quarter's total fell just short of cent, to \$1,599. A year ago, when the

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> 'The Black Widow. Her lawyers say she is deeply depressed, which may not be surprising. Mrs. Reggiani is famous for having

No Gucci family members were present. Maurizio Gucci, who fought and exchanged lawsuits with all his relatives and ousted his uncle Aldo from the New York branch of the business in the mid-1980s - Aldo Gucci, then 78, went to jail for fraud - was apparently not deeply

mourned at home. "The Gucci men are alike - amoral," said Jennifer Gucci, the former wife of Paolo Gucci, a cousin who died two years ago. "They are multimillionaire playboys - nobody has a lot of



Mo Mowlam, Britain's Northern Ireland secretary, and Richard Branson, head of Virgin Airlines, strolling Wednesday through the center of Belfast.

## *EUROPE* Blair in Final Plea to Wavering Ulster Protestants

**BELFAST** — Prime Minister Tony Blair was flying to Belfast on Wednesday to make a final pitch for wavering Protestant voters two days before a referendum on a proposed Northern Ireland peace accord.

With a third of Protestants still undecided over the April 10 peace sertlement that Mr. Blair worked to achieve, he was making his third visit within three weeks to the province in a bid to secure a convincing 70 percent 'ves' vote.

Although an overwhelming majority of Roman Catholic nationalists back the accord, guaranteeing its endorsement, the deep divisions within the Protestant community, which favors continued union with Britain, threaten to make the deal unworkable.

President Bill Clinton, who has thrown his weight behind the "yes" campaign, again Wednesday urged Protestants to back the deal, which aims to end 30 years of sectarian conflict that

has claimed 3,200 lives. Writing in Belfast's unionist New sletter and Britain's biggest selling new spaper. The Sun, Mr. Clinton said

"As a friend of Northern Ireland and the representative of a country that is home to so many from your land, I urge you to say 'yes' to peace.
"What future will the children have if

you vote 'no' and throw away the chance for peace? The world is watching you and the world is with you." An opinion poil showed that voters in

both the Irish Republic and Northern Ireland intend to back the peace plan for the British-ruled province in twin plebiscites on Friday

But the survey showed that the 60percent Profestant majority in Northern Ireland remained divided on the agree-

Mr. Blair, eager to stop any weakening of support for the plan, will say: This agreement is the best opportunity for peace. It is underpinned by consent and nothing can happen to the Northern

Irish people unless the people want it to most powerful politicians and the leadhappen."
But Mr. Blair, whose speech was

released by his office before he flew out to the province, acknowledged that the unionists have deep-scated concerns.

The Good Friday peace deal preserves Northern Ireland's links with Britain but builds closer ties with the mainly Roman Catholic Republic of Ire-

Mindful of the split in the pro-British camp. Mr. Blair and the leader of the Conservative opposition in Parliament, William Hague, were poised to join forces in a late-hour bid to shore up the

yes campaign. On Tuesday, in an extraordinary display of solidarity, the Irish rock star Bono was pictured in leading Irish and British newspapers holding hands with the Ulster Unionist leader, David Trimble, and the man who has been his leading opponent, the moderate Irish nationalist John Hume.

Mr. Bono invited the province's two

ers of its divided communities on stage at a televised concert in Belfast, to a standing ovation. To cheers from the growd of 2,500 young people, he welcomed "two men who have taken a leap of faith out of the past and into the

They greeted each other with broad'. smiles and a big handshake, which signified the agreement's attempt to end divisions between Catholics and Protestants fueled by centuries of tension. over Britain's role on the island.

The move was aimed at persuading doubters to ignore a "no" campaign led by senior figures in Mr. Trimble's own. party and two smaller unionist parties." which has gained momentum in recent weeks. But the concert drew scornfulcomments from a prominent opponent of

the accord, the Reverend Ian Paisley.

Mr. Trimble is going to rock and roll: He's rocking already and he's going to roll after the 22d," referendum. day, Mr. Paisley said. (AFP. Reuters)

# Yeltsin's Litany of Woes: Markets, Miners, Duma

By Celestine Bohlen New York Times Service

MOSCOW - As troubles continue to rain down on Russia's new govemment, President Boris Yeltsin himself now facing the latest in a series of impeachment votes - is trying to reassure jittery investors that the counmy would not shift off its "balanced,

finely tuned course." The week began with a sharp drop on Russia's financial markets, where prices fell 12 percent on Monday. On Tuesday, after spending more than \$500 million to protect the ruble, the central bank raised refinancing rates from 30 to 50 percent, an increase that will bite into Russia's already over-extended

budget. In a sign of ripening popular discon-tent, meanwhile, a sit-in by striking miners in the Kuzbass region, which has held up traffic on the Trans-Siberian railroad over the last six days, is spreading across the country, as teachers, doctors, students and miners from the far north to southern Russia staged protests over unpaid salaries and miserly stipends.

A state of emergency has been declared in the Kemerovo region, where the Kuzbass mines are situated, to deal with backed-up rail traffic. According to one report, a total of 300 cargo trains, and some 120 passenger trains have been idled by the strikers, causing delays of up to 35 hours on the Trans

Siberian line, the world's longest. Deputy Prime Minister Boris Nemtsoy said that the bill for miner's unpaid salaries - backed up over six months equaled almost \$600 million.

"People's anger and lack of trust in the federal authorities are so deep that this may lead to a mighty explosion that will reach Moscow. Aman Tuleyev. the Communist governor of the Kemerovo region, said Tuesday.

To add to the Kremlin's list of political worries, the opposition-dominated Parliament, the State Duma, voted Tuesday to delay a vote on the ratification of START-2 — a slap at Mr. Yeltsin who had publicly called for ratification of the arms control treaty this summer - and on Wednesday, members of the Federation Council, or upper house, approved a Communist-drafted bill that would ban the buying and

selling of agricultural land. The latest impeachment move against Mr. Yeltsin, pushed by the Communists, is probably doomed to fail, as others have been before it.

But it took the opposition little time on Wednesday to gather 177 signatures to move ahead with hearings on a 12page indictment, which accuses the president of treason and of orchestrating the country's economic collapse.

'We have warned time and again that his policy would lead to disaster," said Gennadi Zyuganov, leader of the Russian Communist Party.

The heated challenge to the Kremlin's policies in Moscow and outside comes at a moment when the race to succeed Mr. Yeltsin - when and if he retires at the end of his current term in 2000 - has unofficially begun.

With the election last Sunday of his old foe, Alexander Lebed, as governor of a Siberian region, political commentators and contributors have focused on the lack of a strong and plausible candidate - other than the president himself - who could carry on Mr. Yeltsin's

But for now, Prime Minister Sergei Kiriyenko, the 35-year-old former banker who was pushed onto the national stage by Mr. Yeltsin a month and a half ago, is the one who has to steer the Russian economy through the crises that have erupted into the open in the last few weeks, spoiling any hopes of a honeymoon period.

'Mr. Kiriyenko is in a very unlucky situation," noted Mikhail Berger, chief editor of Sevodnya, a daily newspaper. but if it weren't an unlucky situation, he wouldn't be in it.'

So far, Mr. Kiriyenko has proved himself to be a tough negotiator, arguing that any money for the striking miners can not be drawn on credit - as was done in the past — but has to come from cuts to the budget.

"I want to underline that we can not and will not go the way of additional financing in response to protest actions," he said in an interview with the newspaper Vremya. "If the government weakens on this, you understand where that will lead. Here the position of the government is very tough.

The collapse on the Russian financial markets this week only served to underscore concerns about the country's fiscal crunch, now under scrutiny by a team from the International Monetary Fund in Moscow to review Russia's eligibility for the next \$700 million installment of a three-year loan program.

#### BRIEFLY

#### Italian Justice Aide Retained by Prodi

ROME - Justice Minister Giovanni Maria Flick of Italy offered his resignation Wednesday to Prime Minister

Romano Prodi, who rejected it. Mr. Flick has come under fire after a Mafia boss, Pasquale Cuntrera, and one of Italy's most notorious criminals, Licio Gelli, fled before they could be rearrested after appeals trials.

Mr. Cuntrera, who was extradited from Venezuela, faced 21 years in prison after he was convicted of running an international drugs ring. He was about to be rearrested on corruption charges. Mr. Gelli fled earlier this month before the Supreme Court confirmed his conviction and 12-year jail sentence for fraud.

#### Swiss Plan to Protest Vote in New Jersey

BERN - The Swiss government said Wednesday that it would protest to the United States about New Jersey's legislation to punish Swiss banks over World War II assets.

A government spokesman, Achilla cil would take further steps if the leg-Jersey assembly, also passes the senate

there and is signed into law by Governor Christie Whitman. She has said that she is in accord with the goals of the bill but hesitant to enact sanctions.

Despite objections from the U.S. State Department, the bill approved Monday in Trenton would ban state investments in Swiss banks or financial institutions unless they cooperate in returning assets to the families of Holocaust victims.

New Jersey has 280,000 shares in the Union Bank of Switzerland, worth some \$85 million, that would be divested if the bill is approved. (AP)

#### NATO Sifts Options

BRUSSELS - NATO's council of ambassadors reviewed military options Wednesday, including sending troops to protect Albania and Macedonia from unrest in the neighboring Yugoslav province of Kosovo.

"No decision has been taken yet" on the recommended course of action, a NATO official said, adding that a consensus among the 16 member states was still being sought.

Two reports, one military and the other political, on possible action were presented to the ambassadors at their weekly meeting. The reports will be worked on before being presented Casanova, said that the Federal Counto foreign ministers from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization when islation, approved Monday by the New they meet in Luxembourg next (AFP)

#### New Yugoslav Leader Girds for Battle Mr. Bulatovic confirmed his intentions handed Mr. Bulatovic the prestige and

BELGRADE -- Momir Bulatovic, the new prime minister of Yugoslavia, took office Wednesday, spoiling for a fight orial integrity" of Yugoslavia. with reformist leaders of Montenegro

who vowed to boycott his government. Mr. Bulatovic, a close ally of Yugoslavia's socialist president, Slobodan Milosevic, was ratified without opposition in the two federal Parliament chambers, but his Montenegrin oppo-

nents were absent when they voted. Montenegrin reformers, led by the republic's president, Milo Djukanovic, warned that Mr. Bulatovic's appointment put Serbia and Montenegro on a collision course that could destroy the Yugoslav Federation, in which the two republics are supposed to be equal partners.

As he was sworn into office before both Parliament chambers Wednesday.

"of working for the preservation of

He also said he "was not worried" by the fact that the only party from Montenegro present in the Parliament was his own.

Mr. Diukanovic blames Mr. Milosevic's domination of Serbia, which dwarfs Montenegro economically, for Yugoslavia's international economic and diplomatic isolation.

The crux of the crisis between the republics is over whether Yugoslavia should become a modern, market-driven democratic state envisioned by Mr. Djukanovic, or remain under the sway of former Communists, who have held a monopoly of power for more than 50 years.

The reformers said Mr. Milosevic

power of his federal post to try to tilt Montenegrin parliamentary elections on May 31 in his ally's favor.

Mr. Djukanovic, who defeated Mr. Bulatovic for the Montenegrin presidency last year, is figh control of the Parliament, which provides him with powerful constitutional weapons with which to wage his war against Mr. Milosevic.

Given Mr. Milosevic's reluctance to reduce his grip on state control of the Serbian economy, political sources said this was a clear threat to attack efforts by Mr. Djukanovic to liberalize in Montenegro, which has an active privatization program.

The republic's freedom of action is limited because in some key areas it is subject to federal law. (Reuters, AP)

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## Murder Trial Opens With Gucci Flair

MILAN - The Gucci trial has opened to a packed house. The case of Patrizia Reggiani, a wealthy socialite accused of ordering the murder of her former husband Maurizio Gucci, the heir to Italy's most famous leather-goods business, is, even by Italian standards, sensational.

This latest, most violent episode in the long, sordid saga of the Gucci family combines all the elements guaranteed to perk up a jaded pub-

and extravagant member of Italy's jet-set, she has become known in the Italian press as

heavily medicated and once said, "I would rather weep in a Rolls-Royce than be happy on a bicycle."

sympathy for them."
Three of Mrs. Reggiani's

four alleged accomplices appeared in court elegantly attired, as befits a celebrity trial in the fashion capital of Italy. Pina Auriemma, 52, Mrs. Reggiani's longtime personal astrologer, who is accused of arranging the murder, hid behind huge designer sunglasses on a bench. Benedetto Ceraulo, the accused gunman, and Orazio Cicala. the alleged driver, were locked in an iron cage in the courtroom, both wearing

dashing sports jackets that clashed with their handcuffs. The basics facts are not in dispute: Mr. Gucci was shot from behind on March 27, 1995, as he climbed the steps to his Milan office by a gunman, who then sped away in a

green Renault Clio. Mr. Gucci had many enemies, and police investigators initially thought his murder might be connected to either Gucci family quarrels or some of his most recent business deals.

Mr. Gucci, who inherited 50 percent of the family business after the death of his father in 1983, spent his own and the company's income so recklessly that he was forced to sell his shares to a Bahrainbased investment group, la-

vestcorp, 10 years later. In 1991, Guccio Gucci SpA posted a \$31.6 million net loss. Stripped of family interference, Gueci has since recovered and in financial year 1997, Gucci rurned 2 \$175.5 million in profit. When he was killed, Mr.

Gucci was trying to re-estab-

lish himself as a business-

man. He lived in opulent se-

clusion in a Swiss villa and

his penthouse apartment in

Milan, and traveled with

Paola Franchi, his mistress,

former husband as fatally weak, telling Vanity Fair, "Maurizio was simply a thing called Gucci that had to be washed and dressed."

Mrs. Reggiani was arrested in 1997, when investigators, working with an un-dercover police officer, finally pieced together a more domestic plot. They believe she was motivated by rage over her sus-picion that Mr. Gucci planned

to marry Mrs. Franchi - a

threat to her daughters' in-

on his sumptuous yacht.

After 12 years of marriage,

he divorced Mrs. Raggiani in

1985 without warning. Mrs.

Raggiani, who had custody of

their two daughters, never hid

her bitterness. In 1995, after

his murder, she dismissed her

ently hired two assassins with the help of a hotel porter, then blackmailed Mrs. Raggiani to pay the foursome \$350,000 to keep quiet about the murder. Mrs. Auriemma's lawyer,

heritance. Her lawyers do not

dispute that Mrs. Reggiani spoke often of her desire to

see her former husband dead.

But they argue that it was her confidante, Mrs.

Auriemma, who independ-

Piero Traini, said his client merely followed Mrs. Reggiani's instructions and put her in touch with the hotel porter, Ivano Savioni, who found two contract killers. Mr. Savioni did not appear Tuesday but is expected to testify that he discussed the plot with Mrs. Reggiani before the murder.

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## **Indonesian Elections**

peaceful political succession.

During the fight for power won by Suharto in 1966, perhaps half a million people on the country's political left were murdered. Violence on that scale is not likely to be repeated today, but it should be a warning to a country that has already seen 500 people perish in political unrest over the last few weeks. Mr. Suharto's hazy pledge Tuesday to hold elections and step down merely promises further indecision, political manipulation and confrontation. To avoid anarchy, Indonesia urgently needs democratic elections that give

people a voice in a new government. Mr. Suharto's plan for elections is anything but rapid and free. It relies on a rigged system for selecting a president similar to the one that has faithfully chosen Mr. Suharto for the presidency seven times since he assumed power. He has been elected by a People's Consultative Assembly, a body of 1,000 members. Half are govchosen by the military. The remaining 425 members are chosen in elections where only government-approved

parties can compete. On Tuesday, Mr. Suharto said that he wanted parliamentarians and government ap-

pointees to vote on his successor. Indonesians should have the opportunity to select their president through direct balloting. If that reform is too great to make during a crisis, the entire membership of the People's Consultative Assembly should at least be chosen in free elections open to every political party.

The transition must be rapid. As long as Mr. Suharto clings to power, political turmoil will continue. This can only encourage the military, the country's most powerful institution, to intervene, perhaps even by seizing power itself. For the moment, the army command appears to continue to back Mr. Suharto. It should avoid a direct political role and restrict itself to preventing looting and violence.

Mr. Suharto's best service to his country now would be to set in motion a fully democratic transition and then ernment appointed, and 75 others are resign. He can start by setting a summer date for free presidential and legislative elections open to all parties.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

## Talking With the Taleban

plicating what is otherwise the first promising effort to end Afghanistan's decadelong post-Cold War civil war. America's UN ambassador, Bill Richardson, had succeeded in finally opening talks between the radical Islamic Taleban movement and the opposition. But the Taleban was blocking the passage of food desperately needed in opposition areas. Through consultations in Pakistan, the Taleban pledged to partly lift that blockade. Meanwhile, the two armies, which share no trust and spent the winter preparing for warm-weather battle, are eyeing a military stand-down.

The war is about two conceptions of modernization, the Taleban's fundamentalist one and the opposition's more secular version. (So extreme is the Taleban that, though it controls most Afghan territory, including Kabul, only Saudi Arabia has recognized it - that is, bought it off.)

The Taleban difference came out in consultations on a proposed religious scholars' commission that would look into a cease-fire, a return of prisoners and a process of establishing a gov-

The expected impediments are commembers and the opposition's 20 to meet its ideological standards. The opposition preferred to make its own choices. The Taleban has now withdrawn its proposal, but a political bazaar is opening.

The Taleban is in contact with nongovernmental organizations that act as the humanitarian arm of the United Nations. They are trying to work out terms that will spare the organizations Taleban's persecution and let them do their vital service. The "six plus two" · Afghanistan's six neighbors (including Iran) plus America and Russia are improvising, nudging the Afghan sides from their diverse perspectives. Their common goal is a peace allowing rehabilitation and regional integration through large energy projects:

The Indian nuclear explosions do not diminish the American stake in enabling Central Asian oil and gas to flow through a postwar Afghanistan into struggling Pakistan and thence to energy-hungry India. Ending a terrible war is justification enough for American diplomatic engagement.

—THE WASHINGTON POST.

#### **Microsoft and Politics**

The legal impact of the lawsuits against Microsoft was accompanied by a more subtle upheaval in the ideological realm. The old certainties of conservative opposition to government intervention, fixed since the Reagan era, are shifting on this issue. New perhaps most important, the power of lobbying and campaign money are producing odd new alliances and redefining what is left and right and who is up or down.

Take, for example, the unexpected Republican support for Attorney General Janet Reno's antitrust activism. Her hand has been strengthened immeasurably because of the backing she receives from Utah Senator Orrin Hatch, one of the chief critics of her chronic passivity on campaign finance. Mr. Hatch, the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, represents a state with at least one big software rival to Microsoft.

Ms. Reno has also benefited from the fact that Trent Lott has uttered not a peep of criticism about the Clinton administration's handling of Micro-soft. Newt Gingrich has sounded downright approving.

The company's Republican defenders are much less weighty figures, including its home-state senator Slade Gorton and that ever-grumpy ideologue Dick Armey.

For a long time Microsoft was an amateur at influencing Washington. It has now stepped up its lobbying and campaign contributions. The irony is that a company long identified with a liberal point of view is trying to make up for lost time with money and hired operatives from the conservative wing

of the Republican Party.

According to the Center for Responsive Politics, it is the leading donor among computer companies to federal candidates and parties. It has also hired such well-known Republican operatives as Haley Barbour, Michael Deaver, Grover Norquist and former Representative Vin Weber.

But arrayed against Microsoft is an impressive list of Republicans as well, including former Senator Bob Dole. By far the most startling antagonist of Off 5 is Koden

This former judge and law professor was once known as an apostle of the Chicago School, which questioned whether there are any economic benefits to antitrust enforcement. Both Microsoft and its rivals wooed Mr. Bork, but the critics won him over. He has asserted that Microsoft violated the law by using its dominant position in computer operating systems to promote its own browser over that of its rival, Netscape, a view held by the Clinton Justice Department. No less interesting was the presence of six Republicans on the list of attorneys general filing suit this week, including

Dennis Vacco in New York. There is fracturing on the libertarian side as well. The most ringing defense of Microsoft now comes from the Cato Institute in Washington. On the other hand, some of Microsoft's critics are Silicon Valley entrepreneurs who once shared the anti-regulation position embraced by Microsoft. Now the buccaneers of high-tech want the govemment to level the playing field.

Obviously a world of politics and policy driven by lobbying and campaign contributions is not a healthy place. But we may be seeing a welcome new consensus emerging that government has a role to play and that it should not be ridiculed on reflex for every intervention. This Democratic administration is arguing that there is an intelligent place for government oversight in cyberspace, just as there is in the environment, the workplace and the worlds of retirement and health care. Some surprisingly

powerful Republicans seem to agree. -THE NEW YORK TIMES.

# Celebrity, Status and Sirloin in the New Moscow

Moscow — The Monolith Club reflects the private sensibility of Russia's new elite: exclusive, expensive and deeply concerned about its security and reputation. To get to the piano bar, the lavish dining room or the health club, its 300 members and guests step through a metal detector at the entrance that would do most airports proud.

For an American visitor, the metal detector is an update on the "Check Your Guns" signs hung in the saloons of the Wild West a century ago. The Monolith, and the score or more other upper-tier hideaways that have sprung up in Moscow in the last two years. provide oases of alcohol and glamour in the rough and tumble of frontier capi-

talism that rages just outside the door. But there is no Russian Miss Kitty to encourage you to down a vodka. There is instead a tasting of premium Scotch whiskies in the piano bar, where a vocalist from San Diego is belting out Frank Sinatra tunes. You are greeted in this saloon by the flashbulb of an accomplished young Russian photographer who can be coaxed into showing you the impressive portraits he has done of Sharon Stone, Robert De Niro, Allen Ginsberg, Luciano Pavarotti and

By Jim Hoagland

a galaxy of other notables he has encountered here or abroad.

The Monolith is a slice of globalized life in post-Soviet Moscow, where celebrity and status exert as strong a pull as they do in any Western capital. For the first time in a dozen trips to Moscow over the past dozen years. I find myself occasionally looking around this club or my hotel room and having to think hard to recall which city I am visiting.

That in many ways is progress. The distinctive grimness of life, the constant tension and general deprivation of Soviet times, are not things to be missed. The buzz in the Monolith is familiar

for the visitor from Bill Clinton's America. Here, too, Topic A is the stock market. Russia's Wall Street has taken a

pounding over the past week and lost 16 percent of its value. The ruble, after a long period of stability, is again under attack. The new downturn in Asia is ricocheting around the globe, and Russia is taking the first big hit. Several diners wonder what George Soros, the Wall Street financier who made a billion off the last British pound devaluation and has invested big here, is doing. But no one is sure.

There is a sense of fortunes rising and falling at some of these tables between the fish soup and baked sturgeon (unless you have ordered the New York strip sirloin). It is a yin and yang moment of capitalism, familiar in the West but new here, when intimations of adverse reality suddenly chill the forced euphoria of a tentative boom.

Or, as Italy's Antonio Gramsci, the most humanistic of communist intellectuals, put it in a different context: The pessimism of the intellect is a good corrective to the optimism of the will.'

The room is filled with Russians who have risen above the pessimism of the intellect and seized their moment with both hands. On each visit to the new Moscow I

am reminded of the financier created by the English novelist Anthony Trollope at the end of the 19th century: "Such a man rises above honesty as

a great general rises above humanity when he sacrifices an army to conquer a nation. Such greatness is incompatible with small scruples. A pygmy man

is stopped by a little ditch, but a giant stalks over the rivers."

Fortunes in Russia today are made primarily in energy, other extractive industries, banking and media conglomerates. It is a mark of the times that diplomats feel that Anatoli Chubais. once Boris Yeltsin's right-hand man. has suffered no loss in influence by moving out of government to take over the national electricity corporation, a dominant player on the stock market.

But the Russians who are in touch with the world economy are a tiny minority in a country that is far from being a rags-to-riches story. This is still a rags-and-riches story: Life expectancy in Russia continues to fall, with today's population of 147 million projected to drop to 123 million by 2030 if no corrective action is taken to deal with the nation's alarming and mounting health problems.

Russia has operated on willpower for most of the past decade, running, stumbling, climbing back to its feet on a road it is still discovering. Russia remains a journalistic dream: a new story, with a still unforeseeable outcome, as well as a news story.

The Washington Post.

## Marx's Plan Didn't Work, but He Did Understand Capitalism

**By William Pfaff** 

PARIS — Marx and Engels's Communist Manifesto, which is 150 years old this year, did not change the world for which it was written. The manifesto proved nonsense as forecast of the workings of a supposed dialectic of history, and it was disastrous in its political consequences. It produced the utopian totalitarianism of Lenin and Stalin, with systematic and destructive attack upon every rival conception of reform.

The leaders inspired by Marx and Engels understood that while it was profitable to them to preach anti-capitalism, anti-imperialism and anti-fascism, the real threat to them came from the social democratic, Christian democratic and liberal reform movements of 19th and 20th century Europe and America.

However, the ideological identity that Marx and Engels had given to communism, as the sole historical alternative to capitalism, meant the capitalists themselves came to believe this, and when the communist movement failed, 80 years after it had come to power in Russia, this seemed an unqualified validation of capitalism. On the other hand, virtually everyone today would acknowledge that Marx and En- in its opportunities. The losers gels were prophetic analysts of capitalism. Their account of a restless, innovative, internationalist industrial system, constantly destroying and recreating itself, is actually a better description of today's globalized free-market capitalism than of the capitalism of 1848, when they wrote.

Their description of a conscienceless and predatory system finds echo among globalism's critics today, even those who believe, with Margaret Thatcher, that there is no alternative to the system that now prevails among the industrialized nations and in a large part of the non-Western world.

Many concerned about the social and human devastation that globalization can produce. and about its indifference or hostility to ethical and social considerations, have nonetheless concluded that the technological, economic and political forces behind it are irresistible.

Most voters in the industrial nations undoubtedly take for granted the system in which they live. The winners rejoice may resent their loss of security, and the market's destruction of familiar social structures and values, but find it hard to

to change what is happening. Marxism's collapse has seemed to rule out critiques of modern capitalism as irrelevant and to make proposals to reform it seem futile or utopian. A basic division of opinion exists today between those who think that a choice of society does still exist and those who believe that no choices remain: that in the famous formulation of Francis Fukayama (and in a sense he did not intend, but which was implicit in what he wrote), history has ended.

think that anything can be done

This division exists inside countries but also divides certain nations from others, notably in setting what can be called the Atlantic countries the United States, United Kingdom, the Netherlands and certain others - from those in which voters are prepared to believe that contemporary capitalism can or should be changed, or at least that it can be reconciled with the model of social capitalism, or welfare capitalism, that emerged in Western Europe and Scandinavia after World War II.

The Germans and French are leaders of the latter group. The next German national election, in September, will turn in part on social and welfare issues. In France these issues were responsible for a devastating defeat of the conservative government in parliamentary elections a year ago.

The French Communist newspaper L'Humanité recently commissioned a national poll on attitudes toward capitalism. Asked whether they felt enthusiasm about capitalism, or hope, indifference, fear or rebellion, 22 percent said enthusiasm or hope, and 53 percent said fear or rebellion. This was a cross section of the entire population.

The 10 values that the French respondents to this poll associated with capitalism were, in order of importance, technological innovation, egoism, competitivity, creation of riches, unequal opportunity. progress, social exclusion, freedom of expression, devaluation of work and insecurity.

But people believe that the system can be changed. Ninety percent of those polled in France said they wanted change: 13 percent radical change, 33 percent "change in depth," 44 percent improvements in the system. Only 5 percent were content with the economic system as it is.

A belief in the possibility of change characterizes the German Social Democrats (and Greens), who are now considered likely to win power in September. The Socialist-led government in France is committed to reconciling the social commitments already made in France with economic reform.

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It is, of course, one thing to want change and another thing to succeed with it. The interesting thing is that the two countries that will dominate "Euroland" - the new European monetary bloc to come into existence in Japuary resist the free-market consensus on the irreconcilability of a successful economy with a welfare state.

That is as significant a fact as the emergence of European monetary union itself.

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## How America Can Head Off an Arms Race in South Asia

WASHINGTON - Despite India's five nuclear tests last week, there is still a way for the Clinton administration to stop New Delhi from embarking on a costly and dangerous nuclear arms race with

China and Pakistan. The sanctions imposed by President Bill Clinton will only make India more intransigent unless they are accompanied by realistic diplomatic trade-offs.

Indian leaders have made clear that they are ready to end testing and to cut off stockpiling of plutonium for nuclear weapons if the Clinton administration will end sanctions and give India, as it has given China, access to U.S. civilian nuclear technology to help satisfy the burgeoning energy demands of an exploding population, now nearing 1 billion.

China conducted a muchcriticized series of six nuclear tests from 1994 to 1996 before announcing its readiness to sign the nuclear test ban treaty. Less than two years later, the Clinton civilian nuclear technology to Beijing in return for Chinese commitments not to export nuclear and missile components and know-how.

Unlike China, Indians point out. India has never exported By Selig S. Harrison

Moammar Gadhafi. Productive negotiations with New Delhi are still possible.

Although India last week declared itself a "nuclear weapons state," it has not yet decided whether to deploy nuclear weapons in its armed forces and, if so, how extensively. The purpose of testing, Indian leaders say, was to demonstrate a capability to make sophisticated nuclear weapons and to deploy them on short notice, especially a nuclear warhead for its Agni intermediate-range bal-

listic missile. The decision to test last week was in large part a response to domestic political pressures that are now likely to subside. Six weeks ago, when Pakistan tested a new missile capable of reaching deep into Indian territory, the new Hindu nationalist government of Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee felt compelled to respond strongly. American administration has just reversed a U.S. ban on the sale of U.S. warnings that testing would bring sanctions fanned nationalist sentiment, and Indian public opinion has overwhelmingly welcomed the tests.

I spent six years in India as a foreign correspondent and still visit frequently. Every politically conscious Indian I know nuclear and missile technology deeply resents the American at-

fers from Saddam Hussein and the four other nuclear powers are entitled to have nuclear weapons while India and other aspiring powers are not. This feeling is a more important factor driving Indian nuclear ambitions than fear of Chinese

> and Pakistani military strength. Since India is one of the world's oldest and largest civilizations, its people take its great-power status for granted and expect others to do the same. Successive American administrations have either patronized or ignored India while lecturing it about nonprolif-

eration. Until two years ago, the United States repeatedly pressed India and Pakistan to give up their nuclear options. But in January 1995, then-Defense Secretary William Perry announced an important, littlenoticed reversal. He acknowledged that "the nuclear capabilities of India and Pakistan flow from a dynamic that we are unlikely to be able to influence in the near term. Rather than seeking to roll back which we have concluded is unattainable in these two countries — we have decided, instead, to seek to cap their

nuclear capabilities.' Nevertheless, Washington has failed to give New Delhi and Islamabad concrete incentives to cap their nuclear weapons potechnology transfer agreement with China has made it urgently necessary for the Clinton administration to explore precisely what India would be prepared to do in return for access to U.S. civilian nuclear technology and U.S. cooperation in nuclear safety. Until an accommodation is reached with India, no agree-

ment with Pakistan is possible. As a beginning, the administration should offer to seek congressional approval for civilian nuclear technology transfers to India, now barred by the Nuclear Nonproliferation Act, in return for three major concessions by India.

• First, India would agree to extend the application of international inspections, now limited to one U.S.-supplied reactor near Bombay, to all seven of its and to any new power and medical research reactors supplied by U.S. or other foreign companies. This would prevent the diversion to military purposes of fissile

material produced with U.S. cooperation. The research reactors and reprocessing facilities where India's militarily applicable nuclear stockpiles are produced would remain exempt from inspections until the conclusion of a pending international accord capping such stockpiles.

 Second, India would make some form of binding de jure commitment not to export nuclear technology, formalizing its present policy. This would place India in accord with a key provision of the nonproliferation treaty. • Third, India would have to reach a compromise with the

United States on the issue of a nuclear test ban. New Delhi has refused to sign the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, insisting it be linked with a timetable for the reduction of nuclear weapons by the existing nuclear powers. But India might agree to sign the treaty, or to make some other form of international commitment not to test without formally signing it, now that it has conducted the tests it regarded as essential to make its nuclear option credible.

Such an agreement would set the stage for broader negotiations in which the United States would seek commitments by India and Pakistan to cap the further accumulation of weapons-

grade fissile material and to continue refraining from the deployment of nuclear weapons. India said last week that it was ready to join negotiations

on the pending global fissile material cutoff agreement, which would commit signatories to freeze their stockpiles of weapons-grade nuclear material and submit to international inspection.

But Indian and Pakistani commitments not to deploy nuclear weapons or to limit the level and nature of deployments would be unlikely unless the United States and Russia moved much more rapidly to reduce their own nuclear weapons as the prelude to multilateral reductions embracing China, Britain and France.

President Clinton should go ahead with his projected autumn mission to South Asia not only to carry forward negotiations on nuclear issues but to demonstrate a new American interest in a long-neglected part of the world.

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#### IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO tential at present levels. The What Would Gandhi Think?

NEW YORK — All French goods here and at Chicago, St. Louis, Washington and Philadelphia are being avoided by the general public because of France's support of Spain. The women are more patriotic than the men in this instance. There is really a decided movement among some of our prominent women to leave off wearing French dresses, bonnets and lingerie. But when men are asked to forego French wines, especially champagne, they make wry faces and declare that George Washington would never have drunk American champagne under any circumstances.

1923: Insanity Cause

TRENTON — The crowning of diseased teeth is responsible for much insanity, according to Dr. John Draper, surgical expert of the New Jersey Hospital for

1898: Patriotic Boycott the insane. "Such crowning drives a poison forty times as dangerous as a rattlesnake into the system instead of allowing it to leak out," he says. On the basis of his experience with 2,000 patients, he declares that much insanity is due to functional toxic derangement affecting the brain.

#### 1948: China Inflation NEW YORK - The New

York Herald says in an Editorial:] In the black market in Shanghai it now takes one million Chinese dollars to buy one American dollar. The monetary inflation in China, in progress for a decade, seems to be almost out of control. The results, as in all similar cases, are disastrous. The basic cause of the inflation is that the Chinese government printed money to make up for its loss of normal revenues during the war with Japan and the civil war that followed.

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OMING from Mahatma Gandhi's India as I do, I wish you could see through my eyes the painful irony in the nuclear

bomb's taking center stage as the alleged pride of the Indian people. What a tragic assault on Gandhi's legacy.

Gandhi represented the triumph of the human spirit over physical force and material things. With all my heart I appeal to the world powers not to lose sight of his singular example. I ask the United States, and the West in general, to show more understanding of the tensions throughout Asia. To India I would point out that it was Jawaharlal Nehru, the first prime minister after independence, who initially proposed a comprehensive test ban treaty. It is high time that India added its signature to that pact.

The West also must take into account the pressures of living with nuclear weapons in a region where the threat of war constantly simmers, and it must show continuing patience with the mistrust of poor countries once ruled by outside powers. The West can have no idea of the fear in which the subcontinent's people have lived for half a century. Pakistan and India

are still paying for the imperial policy of "divide and rule" with

which Britain sought to hold the subcontinent by playing com-

munal factions against one another. I urge the West to make a more sustained effort to help Asia solve its problems. If sanctions must be imposed, restrict arms sales to the impoverished region and do everything possible to end an arms race that these countries cannot afford. Send assistance to the areas where and to any new power and medit is needed most: education, business, agriculture and medicine. Improve the lives of the people and you will ensure stability.

- Eknath Easwaran, author of "Gandhi the Man," commenting in the International Herald Tribune.

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## Seeking Peace in Ireland, Where the Past Is Present

By Maureen Dowd

BELFAST — Here is what you ment, even though his father was killed by an IRA car bomb. soul: We are an unforgiving people. We believe in the evil eye. We like to fight. We do not like to compromise. We lie in wait for the worst. We lurk about in the past.

When I first moved to New York, I called my mother to tell her I was going to stay in a residential hotel called the Oliver Cromwell. There was a long pause, then tearful anger.

"He encouraged his soldiers to throw babies up in the air and impale them on their swords as they came down!" she snapped. I found another hotel. In Irish time, 1651 and 1981 were only moments apart.

I grew up in a house where my father put cardboard boxes and round tin cans, with green and white wrappers that read "End Irish Partition," on the piano and sideboard. He would urge anyone who came to visit, "Empty your pockets. Big Shot!"

Everything has changed in Ireland, yet nothing has changed. The bad blood is still bad. The identities are still segregated. In the south, Catholics think of themselves as Irish. In the six northeast counties, Protestants think of themselves as British, or as my mother sniffs, "hyphenated Irish," Scotch-Irish, Anglo-Irish, the Presbyterians that the English resettled in Ireland during the reign of Elizabeth I.

On the surface, the contest over the peace agreement is quiet, bumbling along in its last few days with simplistic "yes" and "no" messages. The "yes" campaign is still trying to figure out if the top of the telephone pole is a better spot for posters than the middle.

But this is a subterranean, conspiratorial place. As the Reverend Colm McGrady at St. Brigid's Catholic Church notes dryly, "You can't underestimate the hidden currents."

Northern Ireland has been saying "no" for so long, it is resistant and confused about saying "yes." This is a bleak, howling Lear landscape of bombed-out buildings and concertina wire and 24-hour funeral homes, where nothing comes of nothing. "We've said 'no' too many times." said Trevor Craig, a cabdriver.

There is security in the insecurity put forth by Ian Paisley, agreed Gary McMichael, a Unionist leader who is campaigning on the side of the peace agree-

We're not happy unless we're fighting with somebody."

In his novel "Trinity," Leon Uris wrote, "In Ireland, there is no future, only the past happening over and over." And many find immense comfort in that. Ladies in straw hats and gentlemen in suits come to the Paisley Jubilee Complex here to listen to the bigoted 'Dr. No" who has made a career

out of denigrating Catholics. "A nasty journalist asked me, Why is it you always say no?" Reverend Ian Paisley bellowed from the pulpit, and I said that the Lord gave us Ten Commandments and He said 'no' in nine of them."

Mr. Paisley calls Protestants 'the best' race. And some Protestants privately admit they do not want Catholics to have an equal share. Ken Maginnis, a top Unionist, sees a lot of bigotry. Selling the peace referendum to his Protestant constituents in the north, he says: "I use the euphemism 'responsibility sharing. It goes down a

bittle better than 'power sharing.' The uneasy partners working on the peace campaign are caught in the whirlwind. They have surprised themselves by getting this far, by being held up as miraculous paragons for peace. Tony Blair and David Trimble and Gerry Adams have called in all their chips and now they must go forward - stumbling, overpromising, miscalculating.

The Protestant faction was furious at Mr. Adams last week when he sent the "yes" vote diving by going on stage and raising clenched fists with IRA bombers temporarily released from prison, the notorious Balcombe Street Gang. Mr. Trimble excoriated Mr. Adams, saying the rally rein-forced "the abhorrence in which he is rightly held."

One friend of Mr. Adams's speculated that the Sinn Fein leader might be just as happy if the new Northern Ireland Assembly collapsed: "It's a huge deal to change from a rebel to part of the establishment. He'd have to really

Even if the referendum passes as expected, it may not have a convincing Protestant majority, and dissenters can wreck the new assembly from the inside. This is, after all, Ireland, where the past is present. The New York Times



#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Nonproliferation Policy

India's nuclear tests are a shock but hardly a surprise. Throughout, India rejected international and bilateral control and inspection of its nuclear program, the most revealing case being its refusal to sign the nuclear test ban treaty. Surely all concerned knew what that meant.

The fact is that nonproliferation policy never took account of South Asian realities, In India's case it has relied on appeals to "innate goodness"; in Pakistan's case it has relied on threat and denial, represented most flagrantly by the Pressler amendment, which bars direct U.S. economic aid and sales of military equipment so long as the White House cannot certify that Pakistan does not possess nuclear weapons.

This remains the approach, for President Bill Clinton still chooses to see the culmination of India's 50-year drive for nuclear status as a "mistake" by a "wonderful country" and takes some of the blame on the United States for having underappreciated India in the past.

For Pakistan, the bait is the return of its own, wrongfully held up money for F-16s and words of praise. Or else! This threat is painful given Pakistan's present dependence on IMF aid.

But the odds of this policy's working are slight in the case of

India and doubtful in Pakistan's. Even if Pakistan does refrain from carrying out a retaliatory (and highly popular) test, it will no doubt take the necessary measures to counter the Indian strategic ad-

vantage. The "balance of terror" is now a fact of life in South Asia, Reactions range from the anodyne to the apocalyptic. To minimize the danger, however, the focus should be on taking practical measures, such as a non-first use agreement between the two countries and improved control and command systems in both.

Also, both should be invited to sign the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty and the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty as nuclearweapon powers. This might assuage to some extent India's desire for international recognition and allay the fear that Pakistan might transfer nuclear technology to Israel's enemies.

IOBAL AKHUND. St.-Jean-de-Cuculles, France.

The writer was national security adviser in Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's cabinet from 1988 to 1990.

Year 2000 Bug

Regarding "Year 2000 Computer Bug: U.S. Predicts Hefty Price" (April 30): The millennium bug is a real

problem, particularly in systems affecting both health and safety. but readers should be wary of inflated estimates of the cost of fixing it from people (like Federal Reserve governors, who lack technical knowledge or those (like software consultants and managers) who have much to gain if the problem is imagined to be worse than it is.

Bugs are found in computer programs all the time. Somehow we avoid disaster.

ANTHONY RALSTON. London.

#### Hazardous Duty

Regarding "Frightening Nights of the Exput Life" (Meanwhile, April 7) by Barbara Rosen:

Safety-net problems can arise anywhere if you live away from family. But for many expatriate U.S. Foreign Service families, the problem goes much further than finding someone to watch over a child during an emergency.

It can be difficult to find a hospital with minimum health standards or a doctor who speaks English. Jumping into a cab can be a luxury at some posts and a hazard at others. Many times, when a child or spouse is seriously hurt or ill, long plane rides are necessary. And God help you if you are too sick to fly or if there is no air service that day. MARY BJORK.

Beijing.

## America's Moral Slide? Blame Ol'Blue Eyes

By Michael Kelly

Nor on rock and roll nor soul nor jazz nor rhythm and blues.

It wasn't Elvis or the Beatles or the Rolling Stones. It wasn't Washington or Hollywood or the Upper West Side. It wasn't Ted Kennedy and it wasn't Richard Nixon. It wasn't the Years of Rage

#### MEANWHILE

or the Me Decade or the Decade of Greed. It wasn't the commies or the beats, or the hippies or the sipples, or the Panthers or the druggies, or the yuppies or the buppies, or the NIMBYs or the DINKs or even the ACLU.

No, if you want to finger any one person, place or thing for what went wrong with America, you need look no further than that accidental oneman validation of the great-man theory of history, Francis Albert Sinatra, 1915-1998. Yes — The Voice, the Chairman of the Board, Of Blue Eyes, the leader of the (rat) pack, the swinger in chief - he's the culprit. It's all Frankie's fault.

Amèrican popular culture which is more and more the only culture America has, which is more and more the only culture everyone else in the world has twe live, as Al Gore keeps chirpily and horrifyingly reminding us, in a global village) — may be divided into two absolutely distinct ages: Before Frank and After Frank.

Sinarra, as every obiniary observed, was the first true modern pop idol, inspiring in the 1940s the sort of mass adulation that was to become a familiar phenomenon in the '50s and '60s. One man. strolling onto the set at precisely the right moment in the youth of the Entertainment Age, made him-self the prototype of the age's essential figure: the iconic celebrity.

The iconic celebrity is the result of the central confusion of the age, which is that people possessed of creative or artistic gifts are somehow teachers - role models - in matters of personal conduct. The iconic celebrity is idolized, and obsessively studied and massively imitated, not merely for the creation of art but for the creation of public self, for the confection of affect and biography that the artist projects onto the national screen. And what Frank Sinatra pro-jected was: cool. And here is

WASHINGTON — Do not where the damage was done. Frank invented cool, and everyone followed Frank, and everything has been going to hell ever since. In America, B.F., there was no

cool. There was smart (as in the smart set), urbane, sophisticated, fast and hip; but these things were not the same as cool. The pre-Frank hip guy, the model of aesthetic and moral superiority to which men aspired, is the American male of the 1930s and '40s. He is Humphrey Bogart in The Big Sleep" or "Casablanca" or Archie Goodwin in Rex Stout's Nero Wolfe novels. He possesses an outward cynicism, but this is understood to be merely clothing: at his core, he is a square.

He fights a lot, generally on the side of the underdog. He is willing to die for his beliefs, and his beliefs are, although he takes pains to hide it, old-fashioned. He believes in truth, justice, the American way and love. He is on the side of the law, except when the law is crooked. He is not taken in by jingoism but he is himself a patriot; when there is a war he goes to it. He is, after his fashion, a gentleman and, in a quite modern

manner, a sexual egalitarian. He is forthright, contemptuous of dishonesty in all its forms, from posing to lying. He confronts his enemies openly and fairly, even if he might lose. He is honorable and virtuous, although he is properly suspicious of men who talk about honor and virtue. He may be world-weary, but he is not ironic.

The new cool man that Sinatra defined was a very different creature. Cool said the old values were for suckers. Cool was looking out for No. 1 always. Cool didn't get mad; it got even. Cool didn't go to war, saps went to war, and, anyway, cool had no beliefs it was willing to die for. Cool never, ever. got in a fight it might lose; cool had friends who could take care of that sort of thing. Cool was a cad and boastful about it: in cool's philosophy, the lady was always a tramp and was to be treated accordingly.

Cool was not on the side of the law; cool made its own laws. Cool was not knowing but still essentially idealistic; cool was nihilistic. Cool was not virtuous; it reveled in vice. Before cool, being good was still hip; after cool, only being bad was. Quite a legacy. On the other

hand, he sure could sing. Washington Post Writers Group

#### **BOOKS**

THE HUMAN CHRIST: The Search for the Historical

By Charlotte Allen. 383 pages. \$26. Free Press.

Reviewed by Michael Dirda

IN "Shakespeare's Lives" Samuel Schoenbaum zestily chronicled the biographical myths, obsessions and faniasies surrounding the upstart crow, and eventual swan, of Avon. At the end of his preface to this learned razing of folly, Schoenbaum noted that the theater critic Desmond MacCarthy once observed "that trying to work out Shakespeare's personality was like looking at a very dark glazed picture in the National Portrait Gallery: At first you see nothing, then you begin to recognize features, and then you realize

that they are your own." Something similar might be said of the attempts by New Testament scholars, learned amateurs and diverse crackpots to paint a portrait - doubtless with eyes that follow you around the room of the historical Jesus. Each has found the Galilean he was looking for, whether a reform rabbi, Gnostic sage, political revolutionary, mythological construct, Cynic philosopher, gentle hippie, hysterical madman or gay magician. Some feminist theologians have even re-imagined the "historical Jesus on the cross as a woman suffering from menstrual

cramps." In "The Human Christ" Charlotte Allen, a contributing editor of the magazine Lingua Franca, has had the splendid idea of writing a skeptical, Schoenbaum-like popular history of the quest for "the historical Jesus." By this last phrase biblical scholars indicate their refusal to address directly the issue. of belief in Christ as God's son and mankind's savior. Such transcendent matters, many say, belong ultimately to

herself confesses to being a Catholic. though her survey of these often freaky Jesuses would tempt even a Mother Teresa to agnosticism.

'The Human Christ' embraces a place. vast amount of history, ranging from the social conditions of Palestine under Herod and Pilate to the controversies generated by Robert Funk's Jesus Seminar, that semi-notorious group of contemporary researchers and theologians who aim to separate the Gospel wheat (Jesus's original koan-like sayings) from the New Testament chaff of evangelistic and churchly propaganda.
In these fast-paced and entertaining

pages, Allen concisely summarizes the romanticized biographies of Jesus promulgated by scores of 19th-century liberal Protestants. She explains the epochal demythologizing "Life of Jesus Critically Examined" (1835) of David Friedrich Strauss, looks at Albert Schweitzer's long standard "Quest of the Historical Jesus" (1906) and interprets Rudolf Bultmann's existential views and the eventual revolt of his postwar disciples. She relates the discovery and vicissitudes of the Dead Sea Scrolls (at one time their owner tried to sell them through an ad in The Wall Street Journal). And she traces the changing responses of Jewish thinkers to

But Allen doesn't restrict her studies to Biblical scholarship. James Tissot's gorgeous Victorian illustrations for the New Testament and F. Holland Day's soft-core turn-of-the-century photo-graphs of boy martyrs earn a few provocative pages, as do Cecil B. De Mille's film epics.

To investigate the historical Jesus scholars must rely almost entirely on the Gospels of Mark, Matthew, Luke and John. Despite appearances, these are not brief lives so much as works of proclamation and subtle polemic. At least

the realm of faith, not history, Allen since the late Renaissance, rationalist critics of this "good news" have periodically announced the same discovery: The real historic Jesus has been lost to history, and a fiction established in his

> Usually the (supposedly) fanatical St. Paul or the legalistic and bureaucratic Christian church or the Pharisees have distorted or obscured the Nazarene's simple life and true teachings. Most of the time, this suppressed Jesus seems to have advocated a natural religion of kindness and universal morality, one in deep contrast to the legalistic, hierarchical, priest-ridden and sin-obsessed church of Christ.

When the true Jesus wasn't regarded as a teacher, he was likely to be perceived as a deluded madman who convinced himself he was the Messiah; his disciples were susceptible to hypnotism or mass hysteria. Miracles were performed through hocus-pocus and the sick or blind healed by the aid of some powerful curative salve otherwise unknown to science. The Resurrection either never happened or was a carefully executed trick.

All these and many other fascinating and arcane matters — the lost Q gospel, form criticism, the two-nail hypothesis, the third quest — are touched on in "The Human Christ." As a journalist, Allen writes cleanly and simply, though her chapters meander a bit and sometimes leave one hungry for more detail. But this is to ask for more in the midst

of plenty. Despite minor shortcomings, "The Human Christ: The Search for the Historical Jesus" offers superb intellectual entertainment, nearly 400 pages replete with conspiracy theories, academic rivalries, deranged wish-fulfillments and monumental works of scholarship. Once started, I couldn't stop reading and that's the gospel truth.

Washington Post Service

## BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott

North America, and there is Harry Tudor of Miami, who slam, but he selected a club. nothing quite like it anywhere were 32d in the Calcutta. This Even now, Seamon needed in the world: before play was an astonishing result for good breaks in the minor starts, each pair is sold in a Tudor, who had won two suits. He won with the club Calcutta auction, and the proceeds are eventually shared in partner on his only other Cav-king and ruffed a club. Then

ment results.

gentines who were ranked jumped optimistically to slam slam had failed, they would 53d and 60th in the auction. when his partner showed have finished fifth instead

The winners in the field of three aces. al Pairs is by far the strongest event of its kind in mon of Miami Beach and he would have defeated the accordance with the tournaendish appearance. This year he ruffed a spade and ruffed a

\*\*K104\*\* he will try for his third club, establishing three win-

of the money went to players event. Tudor as North other diamond, it was all and their supporters who gambled on the diagramed over the heart king could be were not favored in the origdeal and survived. His partner overtaken to provide three inal auction. Two Italian pairs showed a strong hand with six discards for spades on clubs. finished second and third, but diamonds and five spades, apart from them none of the and he might well have conapart from them none of the tented himself with a jump to to bid and make a slam. They any cash. Fifth and sixth five diamonds. His actual gained 425 imps, the maxany cash. Firm and short four-diamond bid was Roman imum, based on a comparison places at the finish went to

ners in the dummy. When he Last year the Calcutta pool

At the start of the 1997 then played the ace and an-

and Tudor were the only pair

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#### INTERNATIONAL

## Israeli Supreme Court To Rule on Torture

Ban on Security Forces' Practices Is Sought By Palestinians and Human Rights Groups

By William Drozdiak Washington Post Service

JERUSALEM — In an unprecedented challenge to the security forces, the Israeli Supreme Court opened hearings Wednesday in a case contesting the use of violent interrogation methods that human rights against suspects in special circumgroups and Palestinian detainees say are tantamount to torture.

The appeal, which was brought by four former prisoners and two human rights organizations, asked Israel's highest judicial authority to ban all forms of physical abuse that may vi-olate conventions on torture that Israel and many other democratic governments have signed.

The Israeli government insists that employing "modest physical pressure" to extract information from hundreds of Palestinian detainees held without charges has been invaluable in uncovering terrorist plots and preventing the loss of civilian lives.

A deposition filed by Ami Ayalon, for an enduring peace settlement. head of the nation's General Security Service, contended that dozens of planned bombings and kidnappings by Palestinian terror cells had been thwarted in the last year because of names, details or confessions gleaned from prisoners through "special and unusual methods" by Israeli inter-

According to testimony by several Palestinian detainees, those methods include wearing hoods soaked in vomit or urine and being shaken violently, bound and gagged in painful positions, deprived of sleep and sub-jected to blasts of cold air and loud

The landmark case is being closely watched to see what kind of legal limits the judicial system may decide to impose on the country's security forces. While some temporary injunctions have been issued in the past, the Israeli

court has never before been asked to has become so pervasive that inter-issue a blanket ruling on the legality of rogators should be entitled to use using force against detainees. The nine justices on the panel made

it clear that they were dismayed about future bombings or kidnappings. being asked to rule on a key legal "In today's security situation," precedent in the absence of any leg-Mr. Nitzan said, "the employment of being asked to rule on a key legal islative guidelines for police interrog-

"Why should the Supreme Court debilitating effect on the capabilities pull the chestnuts out of the fire for the Parliament?" complained Chief terror attacks."

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napping."
The Italian press agency Adn Kronos

said it received an anonymous call Wed-

nesday that the paintings would be re-

turned if all "conditions - including

political conditions — were met." The

police were unable to confirm Wed-

Distressed government and museum

officials struggled to explain what

happened and to defend the museum's

security system. "Unfortunately, theft is

a danger the entire art world has to live

the robbers as professionals. "The se-

curity system was adequate, but it did

Italy has had a recent string of art-

eight 17th century Italian paintings at the Palazzo Venezia, including a work by

not foresee an armed robbery.

said Mr. Veltroni, who described

nesday whether the call was genuine.

Justice Aharon Barak. But the court consented to take the case and promised to reach a decision as quickly as

In 1987, a government commission headed by a retired chief justice, Moshe Landau, advised that "moderate physical pressure" could be used stances to save lives.

Human rights advocates say the finding has been exploited to justify state-sanctioned torture on a regular basis.

The Israeli human rights group Betselem published a report this week concluding that 85 percent of the 1,000 to 1,500 Palestinians detained for interrogation last year were subjected to practices that fit the legal definition of torture — even though many were released without any criminal charges being filed.

Betselem's director, Yuval Ginbar, said such brutality only foments more hatred against Israel and perpetuates the violence that has plagued the quest

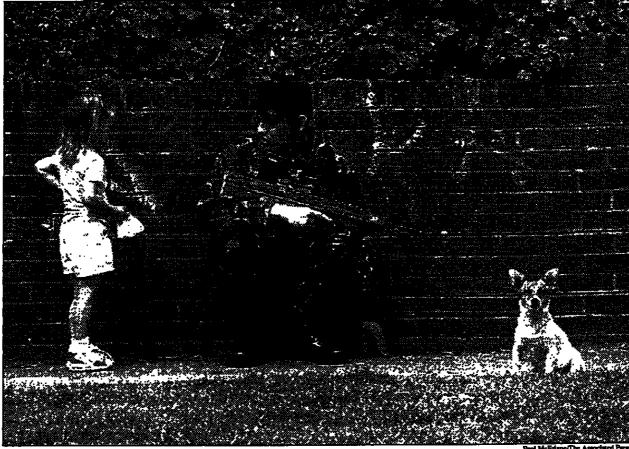
"The security services are unaware of the negative repercussions of hun-dreds of Palestinians going back to their societies with very bitter and very angry feelings," Mr. Ginbar said. "Many democracies fighting against terrorism use interrogation techniques that are clever and intelligent and have proved no less effective than brutal

Dan Yakir, a human rights lawyer, urged the court to ban security forces from violently shaking their suspects, which he called "an ignoble

Mr. Yakir is defending a claim brought by the family of Abed Tsamed Harizat, who was grabbed and shaken so forcefully during his detention in April 1995 that he died within days of

But the Israeli state attorney, Shai Nitzan, argued that the terrorist threat physical force whenever they are convinced that doing so could prevent

'the shake' is vital. Its use cannot be forgone without having a seriously



A British soldier on patrol talking to a young child Wednesday in Beechmount, a Roman Catholic area of Belfast.

#### INDONESIA: Gleeful Students Insist That Suharto Must Go

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it's a victory, because their No. 1 goal is.

politicians' plans for a huge street march dents set up their own identity check at that would have taken up to a million the front gate, allowing only students people within eyesight of the presidential palace. Tanks were moved out overnight, and barbed-wire barricades blocked off all the major streets in the center of the city. Amien Rais, a Muslim leader and the march organizer, said he had canceled the protest because he feared "another Tiananmen Square," a reference to the massacre of students in Beijing in June 1989.

Rallies were also held in cities across the archipelago, the largest in Yogyakarta where as many as a halfmillion people held a huge anti-government demonstration described as peaceful

With the march in Jakarta canceled, and the heavy troop presence keeping most people off the streets, the students office building, and the manicured out- across the grounds. door grounds, with palm trees, a pool festive. But the joyful, sometimes play-

The banners hung from the office building showed the uncompromising nature of their demand. "Suharto Step The police were unable to explain Down!" said one. "End the Suharto Dynasty," read another. And yet another said, "Suharto, the Whole World where and how the three men hid in the that the robbers Tuesday night were vast white marble art gallery in the Villa armed was unusual. "This is not like a Borghese on Tuesday night, but they theft," he said. "It is more like a kid-surmised that the thieves walked in as

Wants You to Go Now!" "We're witnessing history," said a fri, who seemed awed as he surveyed the

The students are well-organized. to get Suharto to stand down."

Mothers and housewives responded to a
Elsewhere around Jakarta, a show of
military might thwarted opposition and passed it over the fence. The stuand journalists to pass through to their "liberated zone," fearing that outside agitators — like members of the thuggish pro-Suharto youth militia, the Pemuda Pancasila — might try to infiltrate the grounds.

The students were clear that, while they appreciated sympathy from outsiders, they wanted to keep their protest confined behind the gates of Parliament. Taking to the streets, many said, might risk inciting the crowds outside to violence and another spasm of looting such as the one that occurred last week.

"When people join the students, then there will be riots," one business-school student said.

Most of the students wore blazers of their school colors — bright orange and instead took over Parliament — the leg- reds and blues and greens — creating a islative chamber, an adjacent nine-story brilliant patchwork that spread out

and fountain, and a modernistic sculp-ture. In contrast to the tension outside, selves into shifts, so some students could the mood on the Parliament grounds was stay overnight to hold the grounds of their new campus while other returned ful mood masked a serious goal — the own to sleep. And while they lack a overthrow of Mr. Suharto's 32-year-old single leader or group of leaders, there single leader or group of leaders, there seems to be little rivalry or jockeying for the spotlight. Many students were even reluctant to give their school name, saying they want to speak for all students, not just their own university.

Mr. Suharto has offered to step aside, but only after new elections are held and a new Parliament is able to name his replacement. In the meantime, he said, veteran Indonesian journalist, Fikri Ju- he will begin instituting reforms through a new cabinet and a "reform council" to Parliament representing an Indonesian

He added, "It's become people called that a face-saving compromise to allow Mr. Suharto to exit with dignity and spare Indonesia the trauma of a sudden transition for which the country, after three decades of one-man rule, is ill-prepared. But for the students, who began their

protest movement in February, Mr. Suharto's latest concession is not be immediate and unconditional. "We support the need for reform," said one student, 24-year-old Rinaldi,

from Yarsi University. "But we've made it very clear we want the president to step down, and that hasn't been But while they agree on the desire for Mr. Suharto to go quickly, they are less

or what shape the future Indonesian political order should take. Some students said they supported goes.

Mr. Rais, a declared candidate for the Ne

clear on exactly who should replace him,

respected economist and former environment minister.

Nanang, 24, a Yarsi University student. around-the-clock final session. Tross the grounds.

Added his friend, Amri, 25, "It can be The pact sets up a new Northern IreThe students, complete with first aid a civilian or military, as long as they land Assembly and two other consulmeet the requirements and are supported

by the people.' The students, and their sympathizers, seemed divided on another issue: if Mr. Suharto resigns, should his vice president and longtime ally, B. J. Habibie, be also forced to resign? Some say yes, that Mr. Habibie is simply a Suharto crony and that all vestiges of Mr. Suharto's rule must be swept away. But others disagree, saying Mr. Habibie could stay on and serve in a caretaker's role for the remainder of Mr. Suharto's five-year

'The important one is Suharto.'' said Tati Krisnawati, who said she was at be named Thursday. Some analysts have women's group backing the students.

## **ULSTER:** New Peace, Old Pain

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fall short, we see the dreary steeples of Fermanagh and Tyrone emerging once

In the spring, the patchwork of valleys, forests and bogs below Lough Neagh sprout yellow gorse, plants some have seen as symbolic this year of the choice facing Northern Ireland. The clumps are welcome for binding the sandy soil but treacherous to the touch with their thorny leaves.

Built as a headquarters for Celtic chieftains - the word "dun" meant "fort" — Dungannon divides its population of 9,500 evenly between Catholics and Protestants and boasts the first local government to have ever distributed power between the two communities.

Under an arrangement followed since 1988, Catholics and Protestants swap leadership of the city council every six

Though their streets and buildings do not bear the tribal graffiti and flags and militaristic wall murals that demarcate neighborhoods in Belfast, the citizens of Dungannon still live largely segregated lives. Catholics drink in Macleers on Donaghmore Road, Protestants in Halliday's on Church Street.

The security barriers that mark all the

entrance roads to the town recall its history of sectarian bombings and killings that in the 1970s earned the area bounded by Dungannon, Armagh and Portadown the name "Murder Tri-

The gathering in the gym of people from the mutually suspicious Catholic and Protestant communities — a rare occurrence in the North — was sponsored by BBC Radio Ulster for a call-in show with an unintentionally ap-Suharto's latest concession is not propriate name for the conversational enough; the resignation, they say, must bent of this region. It is called "Talk "You don't discuss politics here with

your neighbors," said Father Denis Faul, 65, the headmaster of St. Patrick's Academy, where he has taught for the past 40 years. "Catholics here wouldn't talk to Protestants about that unless you'd be wanting to start a riot."

Like most Catholics, he is for the

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agreement. "I like it and I'll vote for it," he said, "but I have my doubts about its future, knowing how deep the bigotry

Negotiators from eight of Northern presidency. Others prefer Emil Salim, a Ireland's 10 political parties and the respected economist and former envirduced the peace settlement on April 10 "It's a personal opinion," said after 26 months of talks and a frantic

tative bodies aimed at balancing the desire of Protestants to reaffirm their status as British and the longing of Catholics to pursue the goal of unity with the Republic of Ireland to the south.

The burden of trying to move longheld extreme positions toward the center has now shifted from the negotiators to the 1.2 million voters of Northern Ireland, and the culture among Protestants of stubborn resistance to any tampering with tradition is not yielding easily.

A grimly complicating factor is the body count of more than 3,200 people killed in the conflict since 1969. Almost every person has suffered the loss of a relative or close friend, and the memories figure poignantly and disruptively in the process of making up minds.

In addition, people are reacting to the fierce feelings of community loyalty that often bar the way to stepping across traditional cultural lines.

The Reverend Brian Bower of the Church of Ireland said many of his parishioners wanted to vote "'yes" but could not bring themselves to do so because of feelings of obligation to a neighbor who may have had a family member killed. He predicted that some people would deliberately spoil their ballots, allowing them to satisfy their commitment to voting without having to make a decision.

Back in the gymnasium in Dungannon, God was freely recruited by both sides, with supporting scripture from Romans, Leviticus and Deuteronomy.

It seemed by the end of the tumultuous hour that no one remembered Anne Slaine's quiet plea for guidance on how to reconcile her vote with the fate of her son Paul, the 27-year-old former police officer maimed by an Irish Republican Army rocket seven years ago.
Then a student in the navy blue school

sweater of St. Patrick's spoke up. 'I would like to address a comment to

the lady in the front," he said softly. 'I understand how she thinks a 'yes' vote will betray her son. But I ask her to consider the fact that a 'no' vote might. betray her grandsons."

#### SUHARTO: Albright Urges Indonesian to Preserve His Legacy to influence events in Indonesia - re- toward democratic reform.

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deputy chairman, Robert Kerrey, Demo-

\$600,000. Delivery of the jets was sus-

pended amid U.S. concerns about the

'preserve his legacy as a man who not

only led his country but provided for its

Indonesian to exercise restraint in deal-

Indonesia seemed aimed at helping the

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ing with demonstrators.

security room, where three female guards were on duty. They tied up two of the guards and forced the third to deactivate drag Pakistan's world standing down." the alarm systems and video cameras. By deciding not to test, Mrs. Albright

Then, investigators said, the men walked upstairs, passing through several glass doors, to the brick annex built in 1980 where the paintings were hung, petition that nations there cannot afford They grabbed the paintings along with money from a safe and museum tickets before walking out of the main entrance.

visitors, lingered until the 10 P.M. clos-

ing time, then concealed themselves un-

Masked, carrying guns, and walking in

their stocking feet to avoid making noise,

the three men burst into the basement

til around 10:30 P.M.

The thieves had taken the precaution world misfortunes. Last January, van- of removing the videotape from the surdals poked holes through two painting veillance cameras. The museum's diby Henri Matisse that were on loan to the rector, Bianca Alessandra Pinto, Capitoline Museum in Rome from the stressed that all the alarm systems were National Gallery in Washington. On working until the thieves had them Wednesday, a vandal poked holes in

turned off. As for the paintings, Mr. Veltroni said, "Our commitment now is to try and get them back."

#### **DATA: SATELLITE:** Wirelessly Connected Silence of the Pagers

THEFT: Art World Suffers Another Blow

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holds the key to future growth. Although anyone can hook up a mobile phone to a laptop computer today, the need to carry multiple cables, often using proprietary

technology, has curbed usage. The Bluetooth device transmits information at a rate of 1 million bits per an obstetrician, "it's a nightmare. He's second, a speed fast enough to accommodate World Wide Web browsing, the companies said.

'The real gain is to have a unified network or system," Douglas Smith, an analyst at Salomon Smith Barney, told Renters. "Battles over standards have only slowed the process down."

It's quite interesting that Ericsson and Nokia are on the same stage together with computer giants as Intel and IBM," Mr. Smith added, saying it showed "the convergence with communication

companies is increasing." "As this technology develops," Mr. Siberg of Ericsson said, "I'm sure there are a lot of new services and concepts we cannot even think about today."

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technology industry believe connectivity the night at the hospital because of the

"We have a good support staff," Dr. Dickens said, "but protocol says they can't make a decision without first calling the doctor."

Dr. Dickens, said that for his brother. got eight ladies in labor right now. Thank God for cell phones.'

New Hampshire state police informed other law enforcement agencies that the paging system for officers in the major

crimes unit was down. Gas stations, meanwhile, were having problems with pay-at-the-pump machines that could not accept credit cards. "We're going back to the old ways, in the case of riots, there won't be any force. manually," said Maurice Tamamian, a shooting." manager at a Chevron gas station in Los

Angeles. "It's a pain in the butt." Radio stations had trouble receiving scared. feeds from National Public Radio. Some public radio stations went off the air because of the lack of programming. "My stations are off. Nothing." said

mained uncertain.

"It could insult the president," said Charlie Zenzie, a former editor of the said, Pakistani leaders would "pull Indonesian Observer, a Jakarta news-South Asia back from an arms compaper, who is a consultant to the School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University. "It could also galvanize the opposition. The stu-Signs of bipartisan congressional support emerged Sunday for efforts to reward dents, especially the ones sitting at the Pakistan for restraint. The chairman of the Parliament Building, could say, 'See, the Senate intelligence committee, Richard United States is with us.' It could also Shelby, Republican of Alabama, and the bring similar comments from other ma-

jor powers." crat of Nebraska, said they would support sending Islamabad 28 F-16 fighters for One potential source of influence is the bandling of Indonesia's \$43 billion which it has already paid more than international bailout, following the Asian financial crisis last year. The bailout, led by the International Monetary Fund, is almost certain to be suspended Mr. Suharto, Mrs. Albright said, can and modified following recent events.

The State Department spokesman, James Rubin, said that a \$1 billion installment in the IMF loan package that The secretary of state also urged the was to be approved June 4 would almost surely be delayed, in part because Fund officials have been unable to travel to

While Mrs. Albright's comments on Jakarta. country pass through a harrowing crisis be resumed until the leading IMF mem-mid-1970s Jakarta invaded and annexed

Some analysts compared the U.S. pressure for Mr. Suharto's resignation to pressure on President Ferdinand Marcos of the Philippines to step down in 1986 amid widespread protests over alleged vote fraud. He finally did so, to be replaced by Corazon Aquino, widow of an assassinated opposition leader.

It is less clear, analysts said, might succeed Mr. Suharto. The United States has long supported

Mr. Suharto as a constructive leader and force of moderation, leading a populous country with a fast-growing economy. The severe financial crisis last year, bowever, was a turning point. Concern has grown in Washington as

violence has risen in recent days. Hundreds of the 10,000 or so Americans in Indonesia were evacuated last week.

Mr. Suharto's vow to step down had met some skepticism on Capitol Hill Senator John Kerry, Democrat of Massachusetts, said the promise "could well be a delaying tactic. Mr. Suharto has been harshly crit-

akarta.

icized by human-rights groups and others for his handling of East Timor. In the as quickly as possible, their effect—and the larger ability of American diplomacy persuaded that Mr. Suharto is moving the former Portuguese colony, killing many thousands of protesters.

## FEAR: In What May Be a Fatal Error, Indonesian Protesters Feel Army Is on Their Side

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entire protest movement — rather than just prevent a rally in the central square then it failed dismally.

"It's just a way for the military to try to scare people," laughed Syafruddin, 39, a lawyer who brought his two daughstudents. "The army is bluffing. Except shooting.

Mr. Syafruddin's 7-year-old girl,

She explained that her uncle is an army officer and that she knows that the army will not shoot little girls. One of the Indonesian Army's prob-

won't ever use it." The upshot is that high school teacher, referring to the threats are ineffective. The army may be 1986 Philippine popular uprising and the their only option is to use deadly force. holding Indonesia at gunpoint, but people do not pay it much heed because they are convinced it will never shoot.

So the army may not be able to achieve its objective - a dignified exit for Mr. Suharto and a process of political ters on his motorcycle to cheer for the succession that the generals can control

Rani, piped up stoutly: "I'm not may be no other way for the generals to month from vague words like "reform" and "succession" to "Subarto must get their way.

- merely by threatening the use of Ironically, that may increase the like-

"The Indonesian generals have done step down" to "hang Suharto."

1979 Iranian revolution. What about Tiananmen Square in China? he was asked.

"Oh, that," he said. "Hrumm. Yes, well, of course in China people power didn't work. But Indonesia is not a Com-

munist country. The consequence of the general conviction that force will not be used is that the public is becoming steadily bolder. lihood of the actual use of force, for there The slogans have moved in less than a

it rather better than the Chinese did, because they haven't had to kill huntesters were wildly cheered when they dreds of people." said a Western dip- carried a pupper of Mr. Suharto hanging have often ch

To be sure, the protesters' trust in the army is partly understandable, for the

troops on display these days often seem about as threatening as plastic toy soldiers, and rather more congenial. When Captain H.S. Purnoma, the officer in charge of some of the troops at the parliament building, was asked whether his men had regular or rubber-coated bullets in their submachine guns, he beamed and laughed and shuffled his

"We don't even have rubber bullets." he said with an embarrassed grin. "We have blanks."

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U.S. Pushes for Opening Of European Markets

> By llan Friedman mal Herald Tribune

Though their streets and but not bear the tribal graffin and bear the tribal graffin and bear the control of th ROME - The United States and 15 other nation began a push Wednesday for what sems likely to become the next big issp in global trade: a drive to force the Exopean Union to open up its heavily projected agriculture markets.

Dungannen still live largely services. Catholics drink in largely and Denaghmore Road, Protestal in Church Street "There ppears to be a general con-sensus that European farm policies act to keep fart prices high in Europe to the detriment of European consumers and The security barriers that the to the depinent of the productivity and efficiency of agriculture itself," said Charlene Barshefsky, the U.S. trade

Amon other developments Wednes-day, the losing day of a meeting of 131 member of the World Trade Organization in Geneva:

 Ms Barshefsky offered a lukewarm respons to a call by Sir Leon Brittan the EU rade commissioner, to begin a new art formal round of across-the-board ade talks.

Or China, Ms. Barshefsky said Beijin had not yet made a political decision to open its markets enough to qualiff for membership in the WTO and as a sult its progress on trade liber-alization had been "slow and uneven."

 VTO members agreed to keep electronic commerce on the Internet dutyfree intil a new meeting to decide on further trade liberalization is held in the United States at the end of next year.

The three-day meeting in Geneva, which marked the 50th anniversary of the postwar global trading system issued a finalcommuniqué that supported the idea of further trade liberalization. Yet aganst the backdrop of general harmony, Europe's agricultural subsi-

dies came under heavy fire at the

Geneva meeting.

Ms. Bashefsky met Wednesday with the other members of the "Caims Group" d nations that do not subsidize agricultue and which are seeking to pressure he EU to liberalize the sector during a new round of trade talks that will begin at the end of 1999. The group includes Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada Chile, Colombia, Fiji, Indonesia, Mahysia, New Zealand, Paraguay, the Philippines, South Africa, Thailand and Unguay.

"The Cairns Group and the United States igreed we would work closely to open ip agricultural markets, and a number of Cairns group countries spoke explicitly about Europe," Ms. Barshefsky sad Wednesday.
There was a strong attack on the

protestionism that still exists in European gricultural markets," said Renato Ruggero, director-general of the WTO. "The Europeans have not answered the attact, and that means that agriculture is periaps the most controversial issue on the genda for the near future."

Sr Leon suggested that agriculture, toether with other outstanding trade issue such as industrial tariffs, services and government procurement, might forn part of a so-called "Millennium Round." In response, Ms. Barshefsky sail that President Bill Clinton had stessed that the United States would keep an open mind on the nature of future trale talks, but, "he made equally clear that in today's economy we cannot take ten years to talk, as in the Tokyo Round or seven years as in the Uruguay Round."

Ms. Barshefsky said she was pleased that WTO members had agreed to begin considering future rade talks at a meeting in September and also that talks on Iberalizing the \$600 billion-a-year agsculture market would proceed regard-

ess of any other issues.

A European commission official romised Wednesday that the EU would proceed with the farm talks anyway, and acknowledged that the EU was taking steps to reform is \$50 billion a year

system of farm support.

Asked to comment on a call Wednesday from President Boris Yeltsin that Russia be admitted to the WTO this year, Ms. Barshesky said, "Russia has a very, very long way to go.'



Board Chairman Hilmar Kopper, left, and Chief Executive Rolf Breuer at Deutsche Bank annual meeting.

## Deutsche Fears 'Worst' in Indonesia

German Bank May Set Aside More Reserves and Warns of Further Crises

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispuries FRANKFURT - Deutsche Bank AG, Germany's largest bank, said Wednesday that the Asian financial crisis was the biggest risk facing the

world economy and that the troubles there were far from over. Rolf Breuer, the bank's chief ex-ecutive, said his company was "pre-pared for the worst" in Indonesia and

said it may set aside more money this

year to cover its losses there. The bank set aside 1.1 billion Deutsche marks (\$617 million) in 1997 to cover losses in Indonesia, Thailand, South Korea and Malaysia, countries that weathered severe currency devaluations last year. At the time, Deutsche Bank said the sum was enough to cover

all anticipated losses in the region. But on Wednesday, Mr. Breuer told shareholders that, while the money set aside for Thailand, South Korea and Malaysia was "probably enough," this was not the case with Indonesia. "Now, after half a year, we cannot

sound the all-clear, and we are ex-

By John Schmid

FRANKFURT - Gary Cowger

is about to receive an all-expenses-

paid immersion course in the Ger-

man language, courtesy of General

it had chosen Mr. Cowger to lead its main European operations as chair-

man of Adam Opel AG, assigning to the relatively unknown executive

the task of cutting jobs and costs, restoring competitiveness and help-

ing spearhead GM's ambitious

GM announced Wednesday that

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tremely worried," Mr. Breuer said.

Deutsche Bank said Tuesday that meetings with Indonesia and creditor banks scheduled for next week in Frankfurt had been delayed by a week.

Indonesian companies and banks owe \$80.2 billion in foreign-currency debt to banks around the world, according to Indonesia's central bank. Many analysts expect the lenders will ultimately be forced to write off a large part of that debt, perhaps as much as \$56 billion. Deutsche Bank is leading the talks along with Chase Manhattan Corp. and Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi.

Deutsche Bank last week closed its operations in Indonesia and evacuated its staff to Singapore. The bank said it may reopen its two branches in Indonesia on Friday if conditions permit. "We still believe in Asia overall, but

we don't believe the tiger economies will be able to return to their former economic growth rates in the next two or three years," Mr. Breuer told shareholders at the bank's annual meeting. Mr. Breuer said the U.S. economy

**GM Hopes to Recharge Adam Opel** 

was proving to be "surprisingly resistant" to the Asian crisis. He predicted that U.S. interest rates would rise in the second half of 1998 in view of growing wage pressures and sta-bilizing commodity prices. Separately, Deutsche Bank said it

had made no progress in its plan to acquire a French financial institution and reiterated that Deutsche was so large that it did not need to merge with another bank. It said financial mergers under way in the United States and Japan stemmed from motives that did not apply in Germany.

Mr. Breuer said Deutsche Bank's

aim to fill a "blank spot" in Europe by establishing a strong foothold in France had run into difficulty because of French reluctance to sell off what officials viewed as the country's

'crown jewels.''
He said national pride had made French officials reluctant to allow a foreign bank to buy a French one without a commensurate French acquisi-(Reuters, Bloomberg) tion abroad.

have been posting record profits and

sales. Opel has been backsliding.

Because of the one-time charges to

cover severance payments in Ger-

many, Opel expects a 1997 loss of

between 150 million and 250 mil-

lion Deutsche marks (\$84 million to

Without the charge, Opel's earn-

ings would be stagnant at around the

314 million DM level reached in

Opel's unions, meanwhile, is-

sued a statement saying they would withhold support for Mr. Cowger until GM's international strategy

1996, company executives said.

## U.S. Trade Deficit Soars to \$13 Billion

Record Gap Attributed to Turmoil in Asia

By Richard W. Stevenson New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — The U.S. trade deficit widened to \$13 billion in March, the government reported Wednesday, providing the clearest evidence yet of how Asia's mounting problems were affecting the American economy.

The trade gap — the widest since the government adopted its current measurement system in 1992 - was considerably higher than economists had expected and was the fourth consecutive

monthly increase. The deficit in February was \$12.2 billion.

The ballooning of the deficit in part reflected the strong U.S. demand for goods and services.

But the data released Wednesday showed an accelerating deterioration in America's trade with Asia, where the financial crisis that swept the region last year has set off a political upheaval in Indonesia and threatens to tilt Japan even

deeper into the economic doldrums. The deficit in merchandise trade with the Pacific Rim widened to \$12.1 billion in March from \$10.5 billion in February and from \$6.8 billion in March 1997. For the first three months of the year, the deficit with Pacific Rim nations was \$34.3 billion, \$10 billion higher than for

the same period a year earlier.

The merchandise trade deficit with
Japan expanded to \$5.8 billion in March
from \$5.3 billion in February. The deficit

with Indonesia grew from \$494 million in February to \$509 million in March. Exports to Indonesia have been hit particularly hard. In March 1997, American manufacturers exported \$365 million of goods to Indonesia; by last March the figure had fallen to \$168 million.

The March trade data clearly indicated that the negative effects of Asia's problems on the U.S. were becoming increasingly pronounced in March versus the first two months of the year," said Maury Harris, an economist at PaineWebber in New York.

Not only are exports to Asia declining, but imports to the United States from that region have been growing, reflecting the strength of the American dollar and the decline in the value of most Asian currencies.

The figures also showed a sharp deterioration in the trade deficit with Western Europe. Economists said the surge in imports appeared to reflect deliveries of deliveries of Airbus aircraft as well as increased automobile imports.

The good news for the United States is that the slowdown in export growth could help cool an economy that has shown signs of overheating. The Federal Reserve Board voted Tuesday to keep short-term interest rates steady in the hopes that demand would ease sufficiently to avoid a resurgence in inflation, and a weakening made picture provides some evidence that such an easing is underway.

## Microsoft Is Still a Hero In the City It Made Rich

Many in Seattle Take a Dim View of U.S. Lawsuit

By Timothy Egan
New York Times Service

SEATTLE - The money-making machine at Microsoft Corp. purred along this week, the soldiers of software touting their new operating system while assuring friends and colleagues that no, the ride was not over.

What the government did Monday filing a lawsuit that called Microsoft a predatory monopolist that was using its dominance of personal-computer operating systems to control future innovations - may be the antitrust action that defines commerce in America for much of the next century.

But perhaps because there is so much money floating around this region as a result of Microsoft, people here say they feel no immediate threat from the Justice Department. Instead, there is defiance, denial and even hubris.

Microsoft will fight the suit, according to a dominant view from its hometown, because fighting - and winning

heightened competitiveness of the com-pany," said Scott Oki, one of Microsoft's first 100 employees, who now devotes his time to giving away much of his fortune and developing golf courses.
"They will just hunker down and be that

As for the antitrust suit, he said, "I think it's preposterous, wrongheaded,

billionaires and more than 2,000 millionaires and is largely responsible for Seattle being one of the costlier places to own a home in the United States.

is what Microsoft does best. 'This is going to fuel the already

much better at what they do."

misdirected and just plain dumb." Microsoft, based in the Seattle suburb of Redmond, has produced a half-dozen

But this is not a company town. Mi-

crosoft, with about 12,000 employees is only the fourth-largest employer, behind Boeing Co., Group Health Co-operative and the University of Washington. When Boeing slashed twothirds of its work force during a recession 30 years ago, a now-famous sign implored the last person leaving town to turn out the lights.

Now the reaction to an outside threat is one of calculation as holders of Mi-crosoft stock study how the federal lawsuit could affect their investment

"I have friends who worked at the phone company when they broke up, and they're watching their portfolios sail along," said Laura Rudenman, who left Microsoft two months ago after five years at the company. She was referring to the break-up of American Telephone & Telegraph Co. in 1984 and the several profitable companies that resulted.

Microsoft, according to the con-

sensus view around Seattle, is no Stan-dard Oil, no Goliath ripe for breakup. Even if it were, some people say, it is worth recalling what the aging John D. Rockefeller said upon hearing that his oil monopoly was over. He told people to buy Standard Oil stock, saying it would be worth more when divided into parts, as indeed it was.

"No one's cashing in their stock options," said Julie Bick, a former group product manager at the company and author of a recent book, "All I Really Need to Know in Business I Learned at Microsoft.\*

Valerie Carbonaro of Redmond, who was shopping at a local boutique, said: 'In some respects I agree with the smaller companies because Microsoft has got the market. But it's part of the

See MICROSOFT, Page 15

#### Mr. Cowger, 51, will succeed David Herman, 52, who has headed GM stands to gain handsomely David Herman will run Opel in Russia. with the appointment of Mr. Her-Hungary and the Netherlands and must man in Moscow. Mr. Herman's family German-based Opel since 1992. GM hopes that Mr. Herman's departure will is of Belarussian descent, and he speaks complete a trenchant restructuring when Russian. He also studied the Soviet ecobring to an end an embarrassing public feud in the top echelon of GM's innomic system at Harvard University and

Opel has struggled with stagnant profits and quality problems. In January, Mr. Herman struck a five-year job-cutting agreement with Opel's unions to reduce 4,000 jobs in its four German auto After six years in the hot seat, sparring with other GM officials over Opel's works, eliminating nearly 10 percent of

role in GM's ambitious global expan-sion, Mr. Herman has asked to be moved to Moscow, GM says. There he The new assignment at Opel's will manage the company's comparatively tiny but growing operations in the former Soviet Union. By jumping to the head of Opel, Mr. Cowger will instantly assume one of the leading roles in European industry. Mr. Cowger will arrive as Opel's chairman at a pivotal time for Europe's

headquarters in Ruesselsheim, just outside Frankfurt, amounts to Mr. Cowger's most high-profile position after 33 years with GM. From 1994 to the end of 1997, Mr. Cowger was president of GM's Mexican operations, helping make GM the leader in the Mexican market. At the start of 1998, he third-largest carmaker. He will preside moved to Zurich to oversee production over Opel's plants in Germany, Poland, at GM's European plants.



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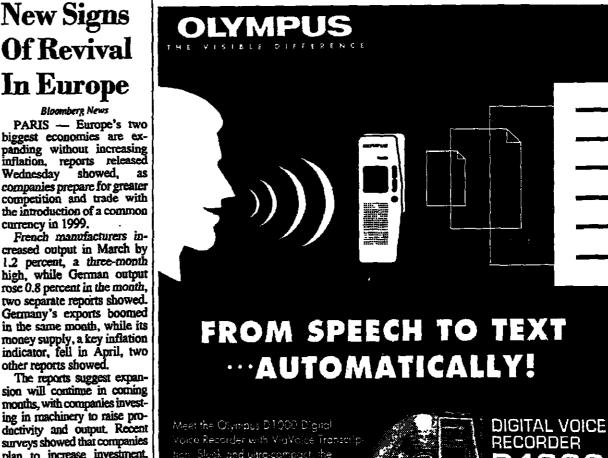
In Europe Bloomberg News PARIS - Europe's two

biggest economies are expanding without increasing inflation, reports released Wednesday showed, as companies prepare for greater competition and trade with the introduction of a common currency in 1999. French manufacturers in-

1.2 percent, a three-month high, while German output rose 0.8 percent in the month, two separate reports showed. Germany's expons boomed in the same month, while its money supply, a key inflation indicator, fell in April, two other reports showed. The reports suggest expan-

sion will continue in coming months, with companies investing in machinery to raise productivity and output. Recent surveys showed that companies plan to increase investment. which should help boost growth in both countries to more than 2.5 percent in 1998.

There's a revival of investment all over Europe," said Andre Signora, chief economist at Usinor SA, a major steelmaker.



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#### Very briefly:

- MetroNet Communications Corp. of Calgary, Alberta, plans to buy the local phone service of Rogers Communications Inc., a cable-TV and phone company, for 1 billion Canadian dollars (\$690 million) in cash and stock.
- Mexico's economy grew at an annual rate of 6.6 percent in the first quarter as manufacturing output rose at a rate of 10.8 percent. Farm output dropped 6 percent because of drought. Bank of New York Co. withdrew its unsolicited \$22.3 billion takeover offer for Mellon Bank Corp., after Mellon refused to discuss the bid.
- Toys 'R' Us Inc.'s first quarter profit fell 35 percent, to \$19.2 million as it faced competition from discount stores such as Wal-Mart Stores Inc. Sales rose 5 percent, to \$2 billion.
- Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin said the Asian economic slowdown was a "slight" drag on the U.S. economy as a slowdown in U.S. exports was offset by the moderating effects the crisis has had on inflation.
- Northern Telecom Ltd. won a five-year contract to deliver leading-edge network equipment to SBC Communications Inc. in a deal expected to be worth more than \$1.5 billion.
- McDonald's Corp. workers in Ohio say they will begin to form a union on June 1 unless the company addresses their

#### Soros Buys Stake in Caracas Bank

CARACAS -- The financier George Soros has expanded

his holdings in Venezuela, home of the world's fourth-worst performing stock market this year, buying a 5 percent stake in Banco Caracas CA, his partners said Wednesday.

Mr. Soros bought the shares in the 11th-largest Venezuelan bank this month, even as surging interest rates and political uncertainty have pounded stocks in the country. The benchmark index has plummeted 27.4 percent this year as oil prices fell to nine-year lows. The top Venezuelan export is oil.

## Blue-Chips Advance, **But Dell Slows Techs**

NEW YORK - Stock prices fin-

ished mixed Wednesday, with bluechip issues rising on hopes that low interest rates will drive demand for equities while technology shares fell amid disappointment with Dell Computer's earnings.

'You've got interest rates doing one thing and profits another, so there's a balancing act going on in the market right now," said Benedict

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Capaldi, a money manager at Cowen

"I'm not sure the potential for earnings shortfalls in the third and fourth quarters has been taken into account by investors.'

The Dow Jones industrial average closed 116.83 points higher at 9,171.48, and the Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 9.51 points to 1,119.06. Declining and advancing issues were nearly even on the New York Stock Exchange, and the Nasdag composite index finished 14.11 points lower at 1,831.76.

Dell was the most actively traded U.S. issue, falling 2 27/32 to 91¾ despite reporting a 54 percent increase in first-quarter profit.

#### AT&T to Bells: Sell Ours, Too

The Associated Press SECAUCUS, New Jersey -AT&T Corp., borrowing a tactic from its rivals, said Wednesday that it had told the five regional Baby Bell phone companies it wants them to sell

AT&T's long-distance service. Last week, AT&T, MCI Communications Corp. and other long-distance phone companies sued two of the Baby Bells to stop them from carrying the long-distance service of a rival, Qwest Communications International Inc.

AT&T's chairman, C. Michael Armstrong, wrote late Tuesday to the five regional Bell companies and GTE Corp. requesting that AT&T be allowed to enter into the same arrangement with them as Qwest. "We also would like to provide our customers the convenience of one-stop shopping should those arrangements be found lawful," he wrote.

"Even though Dell's numbers exceeded analysts' expectations, they didn't exceed the whisper numbers,' said Peter Coolidge, senior equity-

trader at Brean Murray & Co. "Whisper numbers" are unofficial forecasts that are usually higher than published market estimates.

Dell also said the average selling price for its machines had fallen more than analysts had expected. Computer makers' profit margins have been battered by price wars this year.

Compaq Computer fell 1/8 to 291/2, IBM fell 2 to 123, and Gateway lost 31/4 to 461/s.
"Investors are nervous about the

technology sector," said John Maack, a money manager at Crabbe Huson Group Inc. "If you're a holder of tech stocks, you know you have exposure to potentially negative developments, but you're just not sure what they are at any moment or from what direction they'll come.'

But higher Treasury bond prices shored up the blue-chips. The price of the benchmark 30-year bond rose 14/32 point to 103 3/32, sending the yield down to 5.90 percent from 5.93 percent Tuesday. The bond market was shored up

by government data showing an increase in the U.S. trade deficit.

"This looks good," Jim Cusser, an asset manager at Waddell & Reed Inc., said of the trade data, "Imports are coming in at very cheap levels. keeping a cap on inflation. Low borrowing costs are good for

stocks because they make it easier for companies to expand their businesses while lessening the attraction of fixed-income securities such as bonds.

Analog Devices fell 6 to 27¾ after the chipmaker reported disappointing profit for its second quarter and warned it would post similar results for the current quarter. Analog blamed an uncertain near-term out-

look for the semiconductor market. PepsiCo rose 2 9/16 to 401/2 after an analyst at Goldman, Sachs & Co. recommended the stock because of the company's profit outlook.

Neotherapeutics rose 9 11/16 to 1914 on optimism about a treatment for Alzheimer's disease that the biotechnology company has been Resortquest International's ini-

tial public offering of 5.8 million shares at 11 was well received; the stock rose to 151/2. Sharper Image rose 1 9/16 to 7 15/ 16 after the up-market gadget retailer

said it would revamp its Internet site to try to reach younger customers as well as international markets. (Bloomberg, Reuters, AP) the March industrial production fig-

# No Facts, No Insight: No Problem

Study Shows Less Informed Investors Are Not More Cautious

enough.

By Gretchen Morgenson New York Times Service

NEW YORK — For individual investors in the stock market, a little knowledge can be a very dangerous thing.

So concludes a study conducted by three professors at the Johnson Graduate School of Management at Cornell University.

Some 18 months ago, Robert Bloomfield, Robert Libby and Mark Nelson set out to compare the behavior of two groups of investors: those who were relatively uninformed about a company's prospects and those armed with more financial data about it. What they found was that uninformed investors were just as confident and aggressive in their stock trading as investors who had much more information at their disposal.

"Ideally, the less informed investors should be less confident about their predictions of a security's value and trade more cautiously." Mr. Bloomfield said. But we find they are every bit as confident as those who really do know more."

And the more confident investors are, the more likely they will blunder by buying stocks at near lows, the professors found.

how much information they levels declined sanificantly. have," said Mr. Bloomfield, an accounting professor at Cornell, who oversaw the study. "As a result, they don't act cautiously

For the two-part study, about 60 graduate business school students were asked to analyze the stocks of 14 profitable companies. Half were given a single piece of financial data to use in their analysis, the expected rate of growth for each company's return on equity. The other group received three pieces of financial data about each company: its book value, current return on equity and expected growth in return on equity.

After receiving the data, the participants were asked to estimate the value of each company's stock, state how confident they were that the true value was greater than the estimate and place an order for the number of shares they would like to buy at the estimated price.

As it turned out, the confidence levels of less informed investors were indistinguishable from those of the better informed ones. Only one thing took any wind out of the overconfident investors' sails.

That happened when the study's leaders told them how insignifichigh prices and selling them at or ant the information they relied came about, for example, because "People vastly overestimate formed investors' confidence not need reams of data.

Could the use c business school students rather thin everyday investors skew the Cornell study's findings at all? Nonccording to Mr. Bloomfield. He say it is quite common for academic researchers to use graduate busicess students as laboratory rats. "Thir behavior has been found to paralel other folks who invest regularly" he said.

It has long beer thought that individual investors aware that institutional investors have an edge in their access to da, act with caution. The Cornel study casts doubt on this view. ;

The study's results nay also explain why some stock prices particularly those witt a large retail investor following-can get so far ahead of thenselves at times. If investors bil up stock prices because they hink they know more than they do, valuations can get way out & whack

"People are not goodst figuring out how good information is," Mr. Bloomfield concluded.

The study shows whythe trend among publicly traded empanies and mutual funds toward poviding less information to investrs is not a good one. The move to summary prospectuses for mutual funds upon really was. Then the unin- it was thought that invesors did

## Europe's Rate Outlook Weighs on Dollar

NEW YORK — The dollar fell against other major currencies Wednesday after U.S. and German trade data suggested European rates

would rise before U.S. rates did. Germany's March trade surplus grew to a six-month high, a sign the economy there may be emerging from a six-year slowdown. The United States, meanwhile, said its trade deficit widened to a record \$13 billion in March, an increase of

nearly 9 percent from February. Dealers said the U.S. deficit. which was much wider than expected, raised fears that the Asia

crisis was finally beginning to bite nto U.S. economic growth. Dealers said concerns about the effect of the Asia crisis on U.S. growth had been exacerbated by signs of an improving outlook in

Germany, as the Bundesbank revised

ures upward to show a gain of 0.8 percent, rather than a previously reparted drop of 1.0 percent.

'If Europe does recover, rates will go up there, and if the U.S. starts to weaken, then rates will come down," said Steven Smith, a bond

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manager at Brandywine Asset Management. "With the trade deficits running the way they are, European currencies will do better than the dollar.

The dollar feil to 1.7703 Deutsche marks in 4 P.M. trading from 1.7832 DM on Tuesday, and to 5.9365 French francs from 5.9810 francs and to 1.4763 Swiss francs from 1.4808 francs. The pound rose to \$1.6333 from \$1.6214. The dollar also slipped to 136.010 yen from 136.395 yen.

"Europe is positioned very, very well," said John Hazelton, chief

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Traders Trust. "We've mjoyed such a wonderful run in ou economy that all the good news may be out for the States, while all the bad news may be out for Germany." Dealers said some imopean in-

vestors were apparently caught by surprise when Federal Reserve Board policymakers left U.S rates unchanged at their meeting Tuescay. "Many European investors were

disappointed that the rate in the U.S. were not hiked, so they had to liquidate their long dollar positions," said Hugh Walsh, senid trader at Commerzbank in New York.

Easing tension in Indonesia. meanwhile, helped suppdt the yen. But the currency's gains were limited by a report that Japan's Economic Planning Agency was poiled to ac-knowledge, possibly in Jun, that the economy had slipped into ecession. (Bloomberg, Bride News)

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Rover's plant a Oxford, England, and is expected to create ,000 jobs within the company and 5,000 at local supplier companies.

The new car code-named the R40, is scheduled to make its international debut at the British International Motor Show in Birmingham in Oc-

the first in the story line of the first in It will be the first Rover car to be fully engineered underBMW's ownership. But analysis

Invert Group, a unit of BMW asseries level, and it is not expected to bite. Rover said the R40 investment had been separated Wednesday it would be a separated from the Rolls-Royce question and had

ecutive car to replace the Rover 600 and 800 BMW Group product strategy and will make a "This new vehicle is a key element of the significant contribution to the continued success The investmen will be plowed into upgrading of the company," Rover's chairman and chief executive, Walter Hasselkus, said.

Mr. Hasselkus added that the R40 investment was part of Rover's rolling £600 million annual investment program, which was launched in

model comes as BMW is lagging in the race to buy Rolls-Royce Motor Cars Ltd., which now likely, will it find that its main competitors are the looks likely to be sold to Volkswagen AG. But new Passat, 406 or Vectra?

been under consideration well before the Rolls auction began.

one-and-a-half years' consideration," a Rover spokesman said.

But some uncertainty remains on what section of the market the new car will end up attracting. analysts said.

"Will it be seen by the market as an executive ate gave its blessing Wednesday to a car which is close to the BMW 3-series or Mer-The decision to build a new luxury/executive cedes C-Class?" said Arthur Maher, head of research at LMC International. "Or, as is more

## **EU** Approval Clears Bailout ction began. "The decision was made three weeks ago after For Lyonnais

BRUSSELS - The European Commission's competition directorfresh rescue of Credit Lyonnais SA, clearing the way for the biggest bailout in corporate history.

The decision, which ends years of battles between the European antitrust authority and several French governments, makes unprecedented demands that the bank privatize and sell a huge asset portfolio.

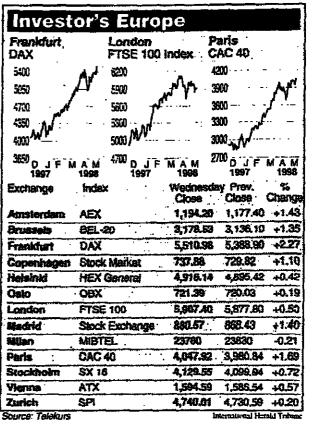
The total aid granted by the French state to Credit Lyonnais is between 102 billion and 147 billion francs (\$17.06 billion and \$24.59 billion). That amount of state aid to a single company is "unique in the history of the European Union," the commission said. The amount includes two previous rescue packages, in 1994 and 1995.

In return, Credit Lyonnais must sell most of its European banking assets outside France, cut domestic branches to 1,850 by the year 2000 from 2.100 now and sell shares to the public without discriminating against foreign investors --- all by October 1999.

The bank will be allowed to keep some operations in the financial centers of London, Zurich, Frankfurt and Luxembourg, but it must sell an equivalent amount of assets in Asia and North America. The commission did not specify the businesses that must be sold.

Analysts said the deal shut the door on the bank's tortured past and gave it a chance for a better future, albeit at a high cost.

The deal also marked a defeat for France, which promoted Credit Lyonnais in the 1980s to become, briefly, the world's largest bank outside Japan, only to be forced to bail it out repeatedly in this decade.



#### **Very briefly:**

 Britain banned manufacturers from setting recommended retail prices for electrical goods such as televisions and appliances. It also barred suppliers from discriminating gainst retailers that sell at a discount. The measures take effect Sept. 1.

 WorldCom Inc. will make concessions to European Union antitrust regulators to win approval of its planned \$41.8 billion purchase of MCI Communications Corp., the EU's competition commissioner, Karel Van Miert, said.

• The European Commission is likely to approve, with conditions, the planned interactive broadcasting joint venture between British Telecom PLC and British Sky Broadcasting Group PLC, Mr. Van Miert said.

• Ifil SpA, an investment company of the Agnelli family, had 49 percent higher profit in 1997, at 505.5 billion lire (\$287.4 million), and said it planned to sell new shares to increase its resources for acquisitions in lodging, retailing and banking.

Canal Plus SA is considering buying the film division of PolyGram NV to thwart its potential purchase by Seagram

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LONDON - British Telecommunication PLC said Wednesday that fourthquarter profit fell 6 percent, to £4/2 million (\$702 million), wrapping p a year of high revenue and a big hi the company took from a so-calle "windfall" tax.

One-Time Tax

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British Telecom said its net profit

for the par ended March 31 fell nearly 18 percent to £1.73 billion.

The £10 million the company paid in the windfall tax last year more than wiped out a one-time paymen of \$465 million that came when a herger deal with MCI Communications Corp. was broken up by a higher offer from WorldCom Inc. The emporary windfall tax was

imposid on former state-owned monophies that had been sold off on the stock market by the previous two Onservative governments. British Telecom's sales rose to

£15.6 billion for the year from £14.9 billion the previous year. Quarerly revenue rose to £3.95 billion fom £3.81 billion. (AP, Reuters)

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MUSING IN MOSCOW - A stock-exchange trader relaxing between transactions. The Russian stock index, which fell 1.45 percent Wednesday, has declined 58.7 percent since Jan. 1.

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## ASIA/PACIFIC Braving Downturn, Philippines Prepares for a Centennial

By Don Kirk International Herald Tribune

CLARK FIELD, Philippines - On a barren site covered with dried lava flows from the eruption of Mount Pinarubo several miles to the west, 5,000 Filipinos are working night and day to complete an exposition marking the 100th anniversary of the proclamation of Philippine independence June 12.

It is a struggle that could fail as did the 19th-century revolution led by General Emilio Aguinaldo against the Americans. who did not grant independence to the Philippines until July 4, 1946.

They've got to get cranking," said Dennis Gilbert, manager of a consulting firm hired 45 days ago to help get the project completed. "They've got a lot of work to

Managers and supervisors say enough of the site will be ready for President Fidel Ramos to tour the entry pavilion and preside over ceremonies including the crowning of a beauty queen in a canopied amphitheater with room for 35,000 people.

"You have to keep the spirits up," said

Lycette Ramos, manager of external affairs for Clark Development Corp., which oversees the development that is expected to cost about 6 billion pesos (\$150.4 million).

This former U.S. Air Force base 80 kilometers (50 miles) north of Manila, converted into a special economic zone after Mount Pinatubo erupted and the Americans pulled out in 1991, is a display of success but also reflects the concerns of Filipinos in a period of political and economic change.

The exposition, including national pavilions, rides and concessions, did nor have enough funds and would not be close to opening were it not for Mr. Ramos's desire to turn the centennial into a salute to the country

in the last month of his six-year term. The most impressive monument to change in the Philippines is not so much the centennial exposition as the presence here of 150 investors in fields ranging from light industry to commercial offices to tourism, including

three golf courses and three new hotels. Clark Development anticipates \$300 million in investment in a year and several times that amount in five years.

As in much of the rest of the country,

however, the picture is mixed. The economic downturn means that business in "duty-free" shopping centers on the former U.S. base has declined by more than 50 percent. Some are only partly open and likely to close by the end of the year. Smuggling of products from the special economic zone is rampant.

But on a national scale, the policies of market-opening and liberalization that Mr. Ramos has implemented were major factors in an annual growth rate of 6.9 percent from 1992 through 1996.

Only last year, as the economies of other Asian countries recled, did growth in the Philippines recede to slightly below 6 per-

While the economies of Indonesia and some other Asian countries are expected to contract this year, the gross national product of the Philippines is still likely to rise 2 percent even though the Philippine peso has depreciated 50 percent in the past year.

The Philippines is doing well," said

Vinay Bhargava, country director of the World Bank in Manila. "Whatever happens in the region affects the Philippines, but it will be one of the first to recover.

He said he doubted that the transition from Mr. Ramos to his successor would halt or reverse the pace of reform. Mr. Ramos, who cannot succeed himself under the Philippine Constitution, is likely to hand over power June 30 to his vice president, Joseph Estrada. who has a commanding lead in the slow count of ballots cast in national elections May 11.

On Tuesday, Mr. Estrada presented a 10-point program for his anticipated first 100 days in office to a small gathering of the country's business leaders.

He said he would cut government expenditure, fight corruption, promote exports, open more areas to foreign investment, bring down inflation and interest rates, and keep the peso at an internationally competitive level.

The World Bank would like assurances of strict enforcement of banking regulations and greater transparency before releasing another \$300 million loan package, but it predicts a

smooth transition of power.

"Our review has found the banking system in pretty good shape," Mr. Bhargava said. What we have to watch is that the deregulation policies put in place by this ad-ministration be adhered to by the next one."

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posted record profits Wednesday, from its previous forecast of a profit but Toyota warned of a decline in of 16 billion yen and from its profit earnings this year, and Nissan Mo- of 77 billion yen a year earlier. tor announced a loss and a series of measures to try to improve its fi- overseas projects and would focus

Toyota Motor Corp., the biggest automaker in Japan, said group net restructure the U.S. business as income rose 17.7 percent, to a record 454.35 billion yen (\$3.34 bil- cars and sell securities and proplion) in the year that ended March erty including part of its Tokyo 31, despite a 4.6 percent decrease headquarters building. The goal is in sales, to 11.68 trillion yen. Group earnings include profit of

the parent company, any subsidiary in which the parent's equity is half or more and most affiliated companies in which the parent has between 20 percent and 50 percent

Honda Motor Co., the thirdbiggest Japanese automaker, said its group net profit rose 18 percent in the year, to 260.62 billion yen, as expected its parent-company profit sales rose to 6 trillion yen from to decline nearly 18 percent in the 5.29 trillion yen. The company said it expected another record-break- did not release its group outlook. ing performance in the current year, buoyed by brisk U.S. sales.

But Nissan Motor Co., Japan's second-biggest cormaker, said it 60.

would post a group loss of 14 bil-TOKYO - Toyota and Honda lion yen for the year, a deterioration

> Nissan said it would freeze new on its existing business in the United States. But it said it would well, reduce costs on U.S.-made to cut group interest-bearing debt by 1 trillion yen.
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> Analysts said Toyota would be

> hit by sluggish sales at home and economic difficulties in Southeast Asia, including Indonesia, where Toyota has a large carmaking joint venture and is the top-selling brand. Toyota, the world's third-biggest car maker behind General Motors Corp. and Ford Motor Co., said it current year, to 300 billion yea. It Honda's shares closed at 4,590

yen, up 20, Nissan rose 5 to 462, and Toyota closed at 3,390, down



Nissan's president, Yoshikazu Hanawa, outlining company plans.

#### Slump in Asia Pulls Profit Down At Matsushita

TOKYO - Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., the world's largest maker of consumer electronic goods, said Wednesday its group profit slipped in the year that ended March 31 as Asía's economic troubles and a prolonged slump at home hurt its business.

Matsushita offered a cautious outlook for its business and predicted its profit would be flat in the current business year.

Matsushita, which owns the Panasonic, National and Technics brand names, said its group profit, excluding the effect of an increase in its tax burden, fell 8 percent, to 126.9 billion yen (\$933.8 million).

Factoring in the impact of corporate-tax changes in Japan in the past year, group net profit was down 32 percent, to 93.6 billion yen. Matsushita's earnings are calculated un-

der U.S. accounting rules. "Price declines cut into profit, offsetting cost-cutting efforts and sales increases in some products, Susumu Ishihara, Matsushita's director, said.

The company expects the severe business environment to continue in Asia in the current financial year. Mr. Ishihara said it expected its profit within Asia to fall a further 10 percent in yen terms.

#### **Very briefly:**

· Mitsubishi Corp., Japan's largest trading company, said net income slumped to 9.6 billion yen (\$70.4 million) in the six months ended March 31, down 66 percent from a year earlier. as the slowdown in the economies of Japan and Southeast Asia

 Vietnam's central bank issued warnings to branches in Ho Chi Minh City of Deutsche Bank AG and Natexis Banque SA, saying they had charged customers too much in foreignexchange transactions. Details were not disclosed, and executives of the German and French banks were not available

• Friedman, Billings, Ramsey Group Inc., a U.S. investment bank, plans to pay more than \$300 million to buy 30 percent of Ssangyong Investment & Securities Co. of South Korea, a Ssangyong spokesman said.

• The World Gold Council, a producer-funded organization, said gold demand tumbled 55 percent, to 342.1 metric tons, in the first quarter as Indonesia and South Korea became net exporters because local buying dried up and the metal was sold for much-needed dollars.

• Japan Telecom Co., the country's third-largest telephone company, said net profit fell 43 percent, to 6.9 billion yen, in the six months ended March 31 as rate cuts hurt its domestic

• Ricob Co. of Japan, one of the world's largest makers of office equipment, said net income rose 5.9 percent, to 16.94 billion yen, in the six months ended March 31 on increased sales of photocopiers and fax machines in the United States and Europe.

• The China Computer Industry Association said many industrial sectors in China had been slow in attempting to 'make their electronics products ready for the 2000 change.' according to the official China Daily.

• Citizen Watch Co. of Japan said pretax profit rose 25.7 percent, to 31.9 billion yen, in the year ended March 31 on strong sales of watches, new product offerings and efforts to lower costs and reduce inventories.

## Hyundai's 27% Job Cut Brings Call for a Strike

SEOUL - After a month of negotiations with its labor union failed, Hyundai Motors Co. said Wednesday it would cut its 30,000-member work

force by 8,200, or 27 percent. The union immediately said it would call a strike at South Korea's biggest car maker for next Wednesday. About 40 union members began a

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protest in the lobby of Hyundai's headquarters in Ulsan, a city 280 kilometers (175 miles) southeast of Seoul. "We will fight layoffs by all means," the union said. "If the management

wants to lay off workers, it will also have

to risk a shutdown of the whole plant." The government has been urging debtridden businesses to speed their restructurings to survive South Korea's financial crisis. While asking businesses to try to avoid mass layoffs, the government

resort. Hyundai is the first major conglomerate to announce major layoffs. As South Korea's economic troubles

have deepened, the car industry has emerged as one of those hardest hit. Hyundai said falling sales had left it with a surplus of 15,000 workers. The company said it could retain 6,800 of them by reducing working hours and

cutting wages. The company already has idled more than half of its assembly lines to compensate for a 50 percent drop in domestic car sales.

In February, South Korea adopted a labor law that gave businesses greater freedom to trim their work forces. The number of unemployed South Koreans has since doubled, to more than 1.5 million.

South Korea's big businesses re-

workers in the coming year -- 70,000 of them in auto, shipbuilding, electronics and other key industries.

Hyundai produced 1.24 million cars last year, making it the world's 13thlargest auto producer. It exported half of its products.

■ Seoul to Write Off Bad Loans

South Korea said it would write off 100 trillion won (\$69.4 billion) of bad ioans, taking stakes in commercial banks that could not find outside investors, Bloomberg News reported.

The government will sell 50 trillion won of bonds to help resolve the badloan problem and will require banks and finance companies to write off the other half through provisioning and capital reduction, Lee Kyu Sung, the finance and economy minister, said.

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## MICROSOFT: Seattle Sticks Up for Its Wealthy Hometown Hero

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started it from scratch and got it to where it is today. That view is shared by the governor of the state, Gary

Locke, a Democrat.

"I don't think people of companies should be targeted by the government just because they're smart and in-novative," he said. "You have to wonder if Microsoft is

success and its brains." ating systems - roughly 90 end of downtown Seattle and percent of all personal computers run on Microsoft systems - to stifle competition in other areas, mainly in its moves to take over the market for Internet browsers, which allow computer users to connect to the millions of sites on the World Wide Web.

If the company is successful in doing this, the critics say, a small percentage of virtually every commercial transaction on the Internet will end up in the hands of the merchants at Microsoft.

But for all its hometown rooters, there are also plenty of critics of the company here, and Mr. Gates, Microsoft's chairman, is a regtilar target of vicious local saure. For instance, some people say it is clear why Mr. Gates, whose Microsoft stock Palone is worth around \$47 billion, keeps some of the personal papers of Napoleon — a man who once had designs on

the artifacts usually on dishome on Lake Washington. Still, the money from Mi-

crosoft clearly has transformed this region. Except for Silicon Valley in California, the Puget Sound area around have the highest concentration of software companies in the United States, and many of the companies in the being attacked because of its Seattle region are dependent on Microsoft.

Paul Allen, Microsoft's colawyers and Microsoft's founder, has been acting as a gave over \$10,000 apiece. cry Institute, a research orgarivals say the company has sports and arts Medici, buyrepeatedly broken antitrust ing a professional football laws. They say it has used its team, nearly a third of all the dominance in software oper-office space in the southern

much of the world — among building a huge music muonly the area's fourth-larges the artifacts usually on dissecum. He is also, with the help employer, relatively few play at his new \$40 million of taxpayers, constructing a people here are concerned home on Lake Washington. football stadium for his team, about the Justice Department's the Seattle Seahawks.

Other residents have become more active in charitable giving. "We set a record Armageddon," Mr. Watt said. this year for the biggest in- If being accused of unlawful Seattle and the Boston area crease in United Way dona- behavior raises the question of tions of any city," said Bob Watt, a former Seattle deputy mayor who is the chief ex-swer, at least on Microsoft's ecutive of the Greater Seattle home turf, is no. Chamber of Commerce.

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action. "Most of the software

executives I've spoken to have

been saying this is not Armageddon," Mr. Watt said.

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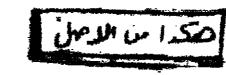
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## Herald Eribune SPORTS

#### Miceli Takes Stage

CYCLING Nicola Miceli of Italy edged the group by three seconds following a timely downhill attack 2 kilometers from the finish to win the fourth stage of the Tour of Italy on Wednesday.

Sergei Gontchar of Ukraine barely retained the pink jersey, holding onto a one-second lead over Michele Bartoli of Italy. The Ukrainian snatched the leadership from Alex Zulle of Switzerland, the favorite, when Zulle was delayed by a spill in Tuesday's stage.

Miceli, 26, captured his first-ever stage victory in the Giro, breaking away from the pack down the Poggio Fondoni hili - the only tough section of an otherwise flat course ending in Porto Santo Stefano.

It was the second consecutive victory for the Riso Scotti team. Miceli's teammate, Nicola Minali, sprinted to victory in the third stage on Tuesday.

#### All NBA Team Is Named

BASKETBALL Michael Jordan of Chicago and Karl Malone of Utah, the NBA's most valuable player and runner up, were unanimous choices for the All-NBA team announced Wednesday.

Joining them on the first team were Tim Duncan of San Antonio at forward, who was the NBA's Rookie of the Year, as well as Shaquille O'Neal of Los Angeles at center and Gary Payton of Seattle at guard. Jordan, a guard, was a unanimous pick for the fifth time and Malone, a forward, for the third time. The voters are sportswriters and broadcasters throughout the United States and Canada.

The second team was made up of Detroit's Grant Hill and Seattle's Vin Baker at forward; San Antonio's David Robinson at center and Miami's Tim Hardaway and Washington's Rod Strickland at guard.

Picked for the third team were Chicago's Scottie Pippen and Charlotte's Glen Rice at forward; Atlanta's Dikembe Mutombo at Richmond and Indiana's Reggie center and Washington's Mitch Miller at guard.

#### Hunt for Vikings Dropped

**FOOTBALL** The suspense is over: The author Tom Clancy dropped his bid on Wednesday to buy the Minnesota Vikings.
In a letter to National Football

League's commissioner, Paul Tagliabue, the best-selling novelist withdrew his \$200 million offer to buy the team, leaving the club's future as uncertain as when it first

Clancy, the author of such novels 'Clear and Present Danger.' and "The Hunt for Red October," said he knew the deal was in trouble after he met with Tagliabue on May 11 and the league's finance committee would not recommend his proposal. In a statement, Clancy said his decision was "painful, but necessary.'

# WORLD ROUNDUP Yankees and Orioles Clash in Base Brawl

Hit Batter After Home Run Sparks Melee

By Buster Olney New York Times Service

NEW YORK -- The New York Yankees went from playing a perfect game to participating in the most imperfect of games when an ugly and lengthy brawl with the Baltimore Orioles punctuated a Yankee comeback in the eighth inning, spilling into the visitors' dugout at Yan-

The fight certainly will result in sus-pensions, which will be levied by Gene Budig, the American League president. George Steinbrenner, the Yankees owner, said angrily, "I haven't seen anything like it in 25 years."

The backdrop to the fight lies in the standings. The Yankees, who won the brawl-marred game on Tuesday night. 9-5, are 29-9 and streaking. The Orioles are perhaps baseball's most disappointing team, losers of six straight games, an

aging group apparently past their prime.

Baltimore took a 5-4 lead into the eighth inning, but the Yankees' Bernie Williams slammed a three-run homer with two out against Armando Benitez, Baltimore's hulking, hard-throwing re-liever, to give the Yankees a 7-5 lead. With his next pitch, Benitez, whose fastball is consistently clocked about 100 miles (160 kilometers) an hour drilled Tino Martinez in the upper back, and Martinez bent over in pain. To the Yankees, and to Drew Coble,

the home-plate umpire, the pitch was thrown with malice intended. Coble ejected Benitez with a wave of his arm. 'I felt like he would throw at him,' Coble said. "I didn't think he'd throw at his head, like he did."

Said Brian Cashman, the Yankees' general manager: "It was the most gutless thing I've seen in my life." Said Derek Jeter: "The dumbest

thing I've ever seen.' Even Lenny Webster, a Baltimore catcher, said, "If anybody's to blame, Armando's the guy.

There was history of bad blood be-tween Benitez and Martinez: Benitez hit Martinez in June 1995, when Martinez was with Seattle, after allowing a grand slam to one of Martinez's Mariner teammates. That incited a bench-clearing shoving match. The Orioles were so

disgusted with Benitez's reaction that

they demoted him to the minors. After drilling Martinez on Tuesday night, Benitez stepped toward home plate. Martinez stood at the plate, glaring at Benitez, and players slowly emerged from both dugouts. Darryl Strawberry, the Yankees 6-foot-6-inch (2-meter) slugger, came out pointing at Benitez, who dropped his glove and faced the home dugout, beckoning the

The Baltimore players met the Yankees, en masse, near the mound, some pushing, some shoving. But several Yankees said afterward that it was apparent somebody would try to reach Benitez.

The Yankees' relievers charged in from their bullpen in left-center field, led by Graeme Lloyd, who ran directly at Benitez and began swinging, and the free-for-all ensued. Lloyd, usually mild mannered, said later that he had never

been so furious about anything in all his years in baseball.

Benitez retreated to the mouth of the Orioles' dugout, where other Yankees starting rushing him, including third baseman Scott Brosius.

Mike Stanton, the Yankees' reliever, began wrestling with the Orioles' Chris Hoiles near the stands. Other players were trying to hold back Martinez from Benitez. "It was like fires were breaking out all over," said Joe Torre, the

Yankees' manager.
The Yankees' reliever Jeff Nelson then broke away from Baltimore's Norm Charlton and began swinging at Benitez — and, finally, Strawberry attacked Benitez, hitting him in the face with one hard, overhand swing. Alan Mills, a Baltimore pitcher, jumped on top of Strawberry and with Martinez still struggling to reach Benitez, the fight exploded in the Orioles' dugout, players piling on, hands grabbing, fists flying, nobody sure who was trying to stop the fight and who was trying to continue it

It was frightening confusion; veterans said later it was among the nastiest fights they had witnessed. The crowd of 31,311 roared, and the whole thing lasted per-haps 10 minutes. "It was pretty scary," Williams said. "You never knew who was going to sucker-punch you."

Paul O'Neill pulled Martinez away from the fight; Martinez was holding up two fingers. This was the second time he hit me, he said, his eyes blazing. Dale Sveum, the Yankees' utility infielder, said some Orioles around him began apologizing for Benitez's action.

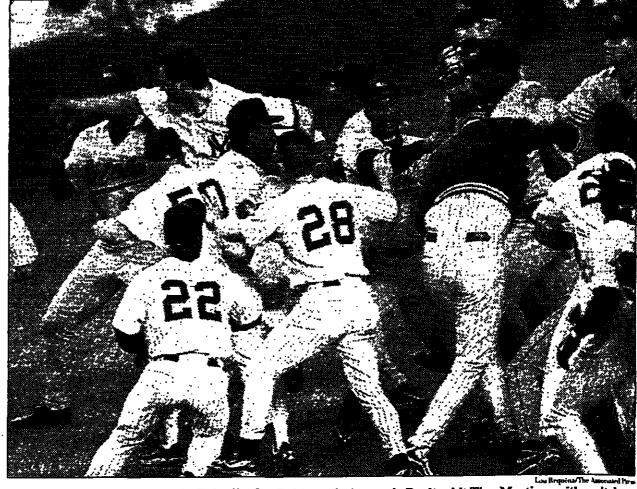
When players finally began to calm. Torre led Strawberry away and slowly, the Yankees returned to their dugout, Martinez and Nelson and others looking back over their shoulders. Coble and the other umpires conferred, then told the managers they had ejected Benitez, who almost certainly faces a lengthy suspension, based on Coble's belief that his pitch was thrown intentionally; Lloyd, who Coble said bumped him; Strawberry, Nelson and Mills.

Bobby Munoz replaced Benitez, and Tim Raines slammed a two-run homer, the coup de grace. The crowd exploded again and players spilled out of the Yankees' dugout to congratulate him.

It was, Torre said later, the best way to respond, though Torre obviously was satisfied his players stood up for each other in the fight. "It was a reaction," he said, "that doesn't surprise me and doesn't displease me."

Following the game, Steinbrenner rode an elevator down to the basement, incensed. "That pitcher," he said, referring to Benitez, "that guy, he should was a classless act, he's got no class."

Steinbrenner then spoke to the players, saying he was proud of them, then met the news media in the hallway outside the Yankees' locker, his face intense. "If you can't win ball games," he said, referring to the Orioles, "I guess you try to win fights. You know how close he came to hitting him in the head? The bruise on his back is this big, and we're taking pictures."



Orioles and Yankees engaging in fisticuffs after Baltimore's Armando Benitez hit Tino Martinez with a pitch.

## McGwire's 3 Homers Stop Phillies

Mark McGwire's second threehomer game of the season powered the St. Louis Cardinals to a 10-8 victory

over the Philadelphia Phillies. McGwire, who leads the majors with 20 homers and 52 RBIs, hit three tworun shots, the last one a 451-footer into the upper deck at Veterans Stadium in Philadelphia that snapped an 8-8 tie in the eighth on Tuesday night. The six RBIs tied a career high for McGwire. who has hit five homers in his last four

McGwire, who had three homers April 14 against Arizona, became the 12th player to have two three-homer games in season. It was the fourth time in Mc-Gwire's career he has hit three homers in a game and the 45th time he has bad more than one homer in a game.

John Frascatore (1-2) got the win after allowing no hits in 11/2 innings. Juan Acevedo pitched the ninth for his

Pirates 3, Padres 0 In Pittsburgh, Jose York took two from Cincinnati. Silva shut down streaking San Diego on four hits in eight innings, stopping the Padres' five-game winning streak.

Jermaine Allensworth tripled to drive in Pittsburgh's first run, then preserved Silva's third consecutive victory by run-

#### NL ROUNDUP

ning down Steve Finley's long drive to center field to start a double play in the

Expos 4, Astros 2 Chris Widger drove in three runs, Rondell White homered and doubled and Carlos Perez allowed five hits in 744 innings for Montreal against visiting Houston.
White went 2-for-3 with a walk, and

Widger's three RBIs gave Perez (3-3) all the offense he needed.

Mets 7, Reds 3; Mets 5, Reds 3 In New York, Brian Bohanon, making just his third start of the season, allowed three hits and one run in six innings as New

Bobby Jones allowed four hits in eight innings and Butch Huskey hit a three-run homer for the Mets in the first Bohanon (1-1), making the start as Scorifical:

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the Mets played their second of seven doubleheaders this season after several rainouts, also had an RBI single in the second inning of the second game, when the Mets jumped to a 3-0 lead. Cubs 6, Dodgers 3 In Chicago, Mark

Grace drove in three runs and Tyler Houston homered to lead the Cubs to their seventh win in eight games. Browers 9, Giants 6 In Milwaukee,

Jeromy Burnitz's three-run homer in the ninth inning lifted the Brewers over San With the score tied, 6-6, Fernando

Vina opened the ninth with a double off Jim Poole (0-1). Vina went to third on Jeff Cirillo's sacrifice bunt and, after an intentional walk, Burnitz hit an 0-1 pitch

## Close but No Cigar for Blue Jays' Pitcher,

mning before Kevin Stocker singled with no outs as the Blue Jays defeated the Tampa Bay Devil Rays, 3-1, at home.

Williams (4-2), a 31-year-old righthander who spent most of his pro career in the minors, was trying to become the second Toronto pitcher to throw a nohitter in the team's 22-year history.

But his bid was broken up Tuesday night by Stocker, who grounded a single to right after the leadoff batter, Randy Winn, walked. Winn then scored on Miguel Cairo's groundout.

That was the only hit allowed in eight innings by Williams, a former reliever who started the season with an 18-25 major-league record. He struck out six and walked four. Randy Myers pitched a games.

one-hit ninth for his 10th save as Woody Williams of Toronto took a Toronto snapped Tampa Bay's four- Manny Ramirez hit a three-run homer

White Sox 9, Red Sox 5 In Boston, Frank Thomas's three-run homer capped a six-run fifth inning, and Ruben

#### AL ROUNDUP

Sierra and Ray Durham also homered to

lead Chicago over the Red Sox. Twins 8, Tigers 3 The Twins rebounded from David Wells's perfect game with 15 hits, including three from Terry Steinbach, for a victory over visiting Detroit. Steinbach, who sat out Sunday's 4-0 loss to Wells and the New York Yankees, went 3 for 4 with three runs batted in. He came into the game hitting .188, with one RBI in his last 11

Indians 16, Royals 3 In Kansas City. seven-run fifth inning that powered Cleveland over Kansas City. Rangers 10. Mariners 4 Mike Simms

and Mark McLemore hit three-run homers as host Texas beat Randy Johnson for the first time in 13 starts since 1993. Johnson was 8-0 in his previous 12 starts against the Rangers, but he left after only three innings with the Mariners trailing, 6-1. Johnson (3-3) allowed six runs and five hits before he was replaced by Bob Wells to start the fourth.

Angels 4, Athletics 3 In Anaheim Darin Erstad beat out an infield single and later scored on Mike Blowers's throwing error in the 10th inning as the Angels beat Oakland,

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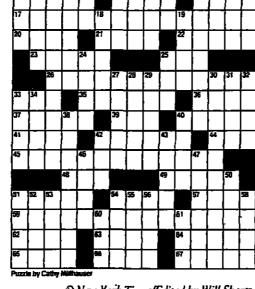
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#### After Big Loss, Iran Tries a New Soccer Coach TEHRAN — Iran, preparing for its first World Cup appearance in 20 years, fired its national soccer coach after the team lost, 7-1, to an Italian team, the official Iranian press agency IRNA reported Wednesday.

Tomislay Ivic of Croatia will be replaced by an Iradonesian Olympic soccer nian, Jalal Talebi, who is a technical adviser to the team, IRNA said, quoting the Iranian Football Federation.

Iran lost to AS Roma in a friendly game in Rome on Tuesday, just three weeks before the World Cup in France, where Iran will be -playing for the first time since 1978. Iran is scheduled to play the United States on June 21 in Lyon. Talebi coached the In-

team last year. Ivic. who was hired in January, had been under heavy criticism after Iran's

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WORLD CUP TICKETS **ALL MATCHES** Tel. Paris +33 (0) 1 40 50 35 45 poor performances over the last few months. He had replaced the Brazilian Valdir Vierra, who had taken Iran to the World Cup finals.

Ivic, 52, has successfully steered such top clubs as Ajax Amsterdam, Belgium's Anderlecht, Atletico Madrid, France's Marseille and Paris-Saint German, and Portugal's Benfica and Porto.

■ Curbs on Club Owners

The UEFA soccer federation said Wednesday that owners who controlled more than one European club would be allowed to enter only one of their teams in the same European club competition, The Associated Press reported from Amsterdam.

Worried about the increasing cross ownership of clubs from different nations, the measure by the UEFA executive commission was the

first to safeguard the integrity of its competitions on such issues, said Gerhard Aigner, the UEFA secretary-general.

"In the future, if the situation arises where two or more clubs are under common control, only one may participate in the same UEFA club competition." the federation said.

One case stands out: The British investment trust company ENIC, which controls 25 percent of Glasgow Rangers, has purchased AEK Athens and also has large stakes in Italy's Vicenza and in Slavia Prague. It is considering buying Girondins Bordeaux of France. The company has stressed that the clubs will remain independent and be treated as fully separate entities.

France's Canal Plus controls Paris-Saint Germain and a Swiss team.

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# Afterp U.K. Multiple Unstoppable Are Free Jordan Gives Saudi Ard Bulls 2-0 Lead By Selena Roberts

By Selena Roberts New York Times Service

CHICAGO — The Chicago Bulls shrugged off the Indiana Pacers' attempt to clean up their act as they took a 2-0 lead in the Eastern Conference finals with a 104-98 victory.

The Pacers had promised to get themselves together after committing 26 turnovers in Game 1, and although they produced fewer mistakes in Game 2 on Tuesday night at the United Center, the Bulls were able to ride the 41 points by Michael Jordan. The two teams will play Game 3 in Indiana on Saturday.

Jordan was unstoppable as he pushed the Bulls ahead in the fourth quarter. He was living up to his most valuable player status, while the Pacers were searching for anyone of name to come through.

The Bulls held a nine-point lead early in the fourth quarter. But the Pacers, getting a late push from Reggie Miller and Rik Smits, were able to keep the game from slipping away. Smits scored on a dunk with 2 minutes, 59 second left to bring the Pacers to within 96-91. That quieted the crowd until Jordan came up with a fall-away jumper to liven the place up. But then Chris Mullin hit a jumper, and after a turnover by Ron Harper, Miller hit a 3-pointer with 2:06 left. That cut the Bulls' lead to 98-95.

Jordan simply would not let his team lose. He delivered two fall-aways in front of Miller, one with 59 seconds left to pump the Bulls' lead back up to seven

There was an awakening by the Bulls in the third quarter after they had trailed by seven points at the half. They started matching the bulky duo of Dale Davis and Antonio Davis rebound for rebound. With second-chance points and a flurry of defense that continued to squeeze turnovers out of the Pacers, the every trip he made to the free throw line. people, was putting a body on Smits.



Michael Jordan getting off a shot despite being triple-teamed by, from left, Mark Jackson, Dale Davis and Chris Mullin of the Indiana Pacers.

Bulls went on a 17-6 run. They held a 78-74 lead at the end of the third, thanks to 14 points from Jordan in the period.

Still, the Bulls could not be comfortable. The Pacers had weathered their run. Chicago was unable to pull away from Indiana's auxiliary stars, who had managed to keep their team in the game. even though Jordan was trying to nudge the Bulls away from the Pacers with

By the end of the third quarter, he was 13 of 16 from the line and had 31 points. Scottie Pippen was at the root of the third-quarter surge as the Bulls took a 62-58 lead midway through the period.

As things started to unravel for the Pacers, they needed one of their stars to emerge. But Miller was being irritated and thrown off his path around screens by Harper. And Bill Wennington, of all

# Red Wings Reach Western Finals

By Helene Elliott Los Angeles Times Service

ST. LOUIS, Missouri - Martin Lapointe permitted himself one long, loud scream, a heartfelt expression of relief and joy. Then it was back to the business of showering, dressing and packing.

There was no music in the Detroit Red Wings' locker room Tuesday night, no hugs or back-slapping. Lapointe and his teammates saw no reason to exult after their 6-1 rout of the St. Louis Blues launched them into the Western Conference finals for the fourth consecutive season. To them, it was merely a necessary step toward a second successive

Stanley Cup.
"We're a prenty focused team, and it shows in this dressing room," said Lapointe, whose two goals in the second period put the game beyond the reach of the overmatched Blues. "Right now, there's not much excitement. We

haven't accomplished anything yet." The Red Wings, who will open the conference finals Sunday against the plished more in these six games than

they realized. In defeating the speedy, defensively sound Blues, they proved they can play a tight game or match anyone goal for

#### goal. In sweeping all three games at the NHL PLAYOFFS

Kiel Center, they improved their playoff road record to 5-1, a key consideration because they won't have home-ice advantage against Dallas.

In recording three power-play goals on Tuesday night, they doubled their total for the series, turning a weakness into a strength when they needed it. And in goal, their one supposed soft spot, they got a strong effort from Chris Osgood.

Nineteen Red Wings bad at least one point in the series, including Dong Brown's first-period goal in his first game since he separated his shoulder April 18. Darren McCarty gave Detroit the lead at 12:08 of the first period, finishing a set play with face-off man

Dallas Stars at Reunion Arena, accom- Kris Draper and beating Fuhr to the glove sidé.

Brown essentially ended the game with his power-play goal at 14:29, taking a lead pass in the neutral zone from Steve Yzerman — one of Yzerman's three assists — and lifting a shot over

Fuhr's left shoulder.
Lapointe made it 3-0 when he converted the rebound of a Nicklas Lidstrom shot during a power play at 5:03 of the second period, and he extended the lead to 4-0 with a 45-foot shot from the left side at 7:56. After goals by Tomas Holmstrom and Yzerman, the only suspense centered on whether Osgood would get a shutout, but Jim Campbell spoiled that with 5:25 to play.

"Tonight they put us in our place, and it's a humbling experience," a Blues center, Craig Conroy said.

The Blues also want to stay intact as a team. Geoff Cournall, Breit Hull, Al MacInnis and Steve Duchesne can be free agents July 1, and management probably

can't — or won't — retain all four.
"I certainly hope to be in a Blues uniform," MacInnis said.

## Korda Beats Chang in World Team Cup

to Australia on Monday.

DUSSELDORF — Petr Korda won a two-hour battle with a determined Michael Chang on Wednesday, 7-6 (8-6), 3-

6, 6-3, to lead the Czech Republic past the United States at the World Team Cup. The world's second-ranked player, hoping to make another run at Pete Sampras's No. 1 spot at the French Open next week, turned in his second impressive performance at the \$1.9 million event. On Monday, he trounced the world No. 7, Jonas Bjorkman of Sweden,

in straight sets at the clay court event that

serves as a warm-up for Roland Garros.

beatable 2-0 lead before the doubles

against the Americans, who face elim-

Korda's win gave the Czechs an un-

Chang, the 1989 French Open champion, is trying to get back in shape after

a knee injury, having slipped out of the top 10 after a long reign at No. 2. He turned in some great shots, fighting off a set point with a perfect lob that

froze Korda at the net, but also wasted numerous break points against the Czech player. It was Korda's backhand, his most powerful weapon, which proved to be

the difference in the match as he ripped cross-court winners almost every time a ground stroke by Chang landed short. Slava Dosedel routed Jim Courier, 6-

3, 6-1, in the first singles. The Amer-

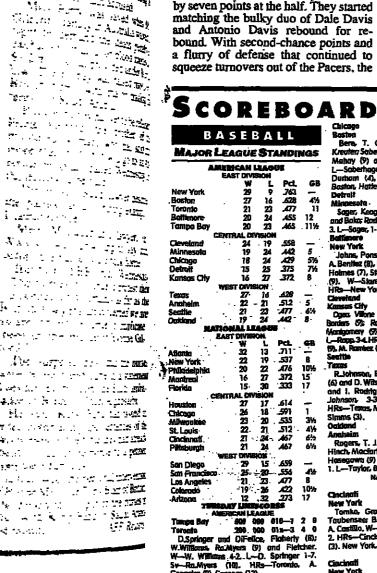
ination from the event after also losing ican, another former French Open champion, lost for the second time at the event, which has eight nations playing in a round-robin format.

In the second red-group match, Australia and Sweden were knotted at 1-1 before the deciding doubles.

Mark Philippoussis, the Australian who once held the record for the tour's fastest serve, hit four aces in one game despite the clay surface in powering past Jonas Bjorkman, Sweden, 6-3, 6-4.

Magnus Norman of Sweden then captured the second singles by sweeping Mark Woodforde, 6-2, 6-3.

The blue group, which plays Thursday, has Germany, defending champion Spain, Slovakia and France.



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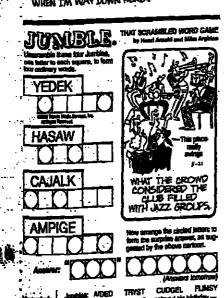
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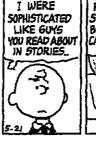
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çers break up the brawl and make the participants sit back in their chairs until they go at each again. It's more honest than wres-

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shows, though heaven knows I can't stand the violence. The last time I saw it a thought Linda Tripp. It would be a occurred to me - Washington is getting more like "Jerry

#### Orson Welles Work To Star at Chichester

New York Times Service LONDON --- A new production of "Chimes at Midnight," conceived and arranged by Orson Welles, will be a highlight of the summer

irrepressible Falstaff. The season opens Wednesday with Eduardo de Fil- us the way. ippo's comedy "Saturday, Sunday, Monday," until June 27. David Hare's "Racing Demon" will be next, from July 1 to Aug. 1, followed by 'Chimes at Midnight," from Aug. 5 to Sept. 5.

If you sat a Democrat and a with a taxpayer in between. the Democrat would attack

the Republican, or the Republican would attack the Democrat, without remorse. All you would have to do is seat Dan Burton, the Repub-

lican representative who leaked the Hubbell tapes, against the Democrat Henry Waxman and they would start tearing out each other's hair (even though Waxman has no show on TV. Although Amer- hair) until the bouncers came

Not only members of Con-I've watched a few of the gress, but others could be booked on the show, including Monica Lewinsky and good fight since both of them have a lot of hair, and I'm sure Jerry Springer would let them go at each other awhile before he'd signal his bouncers to

> Paula Jones would also be a good candidate — particularly if Springer could talk Hillary Clinton into going on

It would bring this brain-dead capital to life. There is no end to the pos-

festival season of the sibilities. Ken Starr could fight Chichester Festival Theater it out with President Clinton's in Britain. Adapted from lawyer, Robert Bennett. Newt Shakespeare's "Henry IV. Gingrich against anybody.
Parts 1 and 2" and "Henry People are sick and tired of V." the play focuses on the their leaders in Washington not resorting to violence. Jerry Springer has shown

Seeing people who don't agree kicking each other in the groin is something the country is dying for. With just a slight push from the public, every politician would walk

the extra mile.

A Director Keeps Childhood Tucked in His Pocket the day, he transforms Joan Dupont these visions into stories International Herald Tribune

TANNES — Claude Miller, at as dark as Nicolas is the festival for the first time in pale, brimming with his long career, knows he is treading on thin ice with a movie that has bid appetite - not exa chilling timeliness. "La Classe de Neige" (The

Class Trip), in competition, is about confide in his friend."
a child terrorized by domestic Miller said. "The secret secrets. Adapted from Emmanuel is too horrible, because Carrere's prize-winning novel, the his unconscious knows movie opens on Nicolas, a wan pre- what's what, but a boy teen who joins his classmates in the in that situation can only Alps. He is being driven by a father tell lies." By the end of who sees danger everywhere, and the film, the director who turns out to be at the root of the leaves us feeling that boy's worst nightmares.

'The subject touched me," the director said, "because I've made movies on teenagers, but I wanted

#### CANNES FILM FESTIVAL

to show how a child handles adult sexuality — in this case, perverse sexuality. Because children today know about child abuse. There has · "Perhaps they are boys are always afraid been so much in the media, even if they are not directly affected."

Since his first film in 1975. "La Meilleure Facon de Marcher." about a teenager's sexual awakening during summer camp and his terrible punishment for being dif-ferent, Miller has often focused on the isolation of young people. "I'm sensitive to children and want to understand where their fears and phobias come from. I think the way a kid overcomes fear says something about the kind of adult he will

Nicolas has plenty to worry about when he arrives at the ski lodge. His father is so anxious to salesman and has visits to make and

he says he prefers staying awake all night to his nightmares, the boy drops off to a series of hallucinating flashbacks and projections. During were simple people, "Miller said.

he tells Hodkann, a boy manic energy and moractly a reliable friend.

"Nicolas can't even Nicolas has gone through the worst, and, faced with the dire truth, may come out on the other side. "I never knew if a boy's fears are worse than a girl's fears," Miller said.

of being too small. The director, who has a gentle manner, is known for his masterful touch with children. He got superb performances from Clement Van Den Bergh, who plays sensitive Nicolas, and Lokman Nalcakan, the

Born in 1942, Miller feels that his recurring fascination with childhood trauma has to do with the war. Even though I was small, I know it affected my personality," he said theater, the magnificent movie "I had lots of childish fears and house where I saw 'Pinocchio' — a anguish; loud noises terrified me. I movie that scared me to death." take off - he is a medical supplies think it all may have started in my mother's womb. She was so

> tryside near Tours, where his father worked as a farm hand; after the Jean-Luc Godard's "Deux ou Liberation, they went to Paris. "We Trois Choses Que Je Sais d'Elle."

Claude Miller with some of the actors in his film "La Classe de Neige."

garment center, but his best job was

His vocation, he said, was born Bresson and Jacques Demy. in that movie house. "Like Woody His family moved to the countigious French film school, at the matography.

yside near Tours, where his father top of his class, and worked on Miller said he didn't think his

"Then, Francois Truffaut was his own fascination with child-our pocket, all our lives."

"My father did odd jobs: He was an looking for a production manager Nina Berberova's "L'Accompagupholsterer, then he worked in the on 'Baisers Voles," Miller said, natrice" and Patricia Highsmith's "and they told me that he wanted when he was ticket-taker at the Rex somebody who was young and a told interviewers she disliked betheater, the magnificent movie cinephile. I made 10 movies with Truffaut." He also worked as an assistant to Marcel Carne, Robert

collaboration with the director of

hood. "Truffaut taught me other things, how to be independent as a filmmaker, how to handle my career and get involved with the produc-

tion." On "La Classe de Neige," Miller's wife, Annie Miller, acted as associate and executive producer in co-production with Warner Brothers, which put up 20 percent of the financing and will distribute the movie

in France. Miller has a solid reputation for successful films. "L'Effrontee." inspired by Carson Mc-Cullers's "Member of the Wedding" and starring Charlotte Gainsbourg in her debut role, won a Cesar and the prestigious Louis Delluc

"I wanted to work with Charlotte again and Claude Berri had the rights to La Petite Voleuse, a script François had written and never directed," Miller said. It was a story of a young girl astray and once again, he showed a defi hand at adapting a novel. He made movies out of

"This Sweet Sickness," which she cause of the blatant sex scenes.

"Ten years later, the Cinematheque ran a program of movies made from her novels. She came up When he stopped working with to me and said, 'I saw the movie salesman and has visits to make and miles to go — that he forgets the boy's bag in the trunk of the car.

Nicolas is left without his ski felt my mother's fears passed right into my bloodstream."

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who's who of the entertainment world. More than 400 people attended the private vigil Tuesday night, led by Cardinal Roger Mahony, archbishop of Los Angeles, around Sinatra's gardenialaden casket in Good Shepherd Roman Catholic Church. A medley of Sinatra songs was played and a choir sang. Spanning the Hollywood spectrum, mourners included Liza Minnelli, Gregory Peck, Kirk Douglas, Robert Wagner, Mia Farrow, Milton Berle, Shelley Winters, Wayne Newton, Tom Selleck, Paul Anka, Ed McMahon, Anthony Quinn, Jack Lemmon, Red Buttons, Angie Dickinson and Joey Bishop, the only surviving member of the Rat Pack. Tony Bennett said in a speech, "We all fell in love, fell out of love and fell in love pagin to the sound of his voice." The fiveral Mass and bysical

again to the sound of his voice." The funeral Mass and burial were scheduled for Wednesday. The Sinatra family Web site, which is run by his children, said that Sinatra fought for his life, and that his final words were "I'm losing."

On his birthday, Bob Hope gave thanks to his adopted country by donating his 95 years of memories to the United States. Hope and his wife, Dolores, said they would turn his personal papers, recordings of radio and television broadcasts, prints of movies, scripts, photographs, posters, and com-pilations of jokes over to the Library of Congress. Born in Eltham, England, Hope came to the United States when he was 4. On Sunday, the British ambassador in Washington, Sir

Fourteen new members were inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Letters on Wednesday, and gold medals were awarded to the artist Frank Stella and the playwright Horton Foote. Honorary membership was conferred upon four foreigners: Charles Correa, the Indian architect: Arata Isozaki, the Japanese architect; Krzysztof Penderecki, the Polish composer, and Gerhard Richter, the German painter. The 14 new members are the artists Lois Dodd, Cleve Gray, Richard

#### Napoleon Lives On at Auction

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - A lock of hair believed to have been taken from Napoleon Bonaparte during his exile on the and of Elba in 1815 sold for \$9,200 in an auction here The circularly framed lock of hair inside a blue case

was purchased Tuesday by a private American collector. said Vredy Lytsman, a spokeswoman for Christie's. The presale estimate for the hair was \$2,000 to \$3,000.

The lock was one of 300 Napoleon items for sale at the auction, which earned more than \$1.2 million for the Western Reserve Historical Society in Cleveland.

THE life and voice of Frank Sinatra were celebrated at an emotional vigil in Beverly Hills for family, friends and a on behalf of Queen Elizabeth.

Christopher Meyer, awarded Hope an honorary knighthood on behalf of Queen Elizabeth.

Hunt, Brice Marden, Louisa Matthiasdottir and Joel Shapiro; the writers Russell Banks, Louise Erdrich. Robert Fagles, Foote, Richard Ford and Ernest Gaines, and the composers Mel Powell and Joan Tower. The Academy's Award for Distinguished Service to the Arts was presented to Agnes Gund, president of the Museum of Modern Art.

> The Franklin Mint, which is being sued by the estate of Diana, Princess of Wales, denied it was unlawfully exploiting her name to sell memorial plates and other products. The company said it had already donated more than \$1 million to Diana's favorite charities. "This lawsuit must be a mistake." the Franklin Mint said in a statement.

Jerry Seinfeld can take this comforting fact with him to retirement: He went out on top. Impressive ratings for the final episode, broadcast last week, guaranteed "Seinfeld" the distinction of the year's top-rated show in the United States, where the finale drew about 76 million viewers. It defeated "ER," which had held that ranking for the previous two years.

At the presentation of two exhibitions in Gianni Versace's memory, Santo Versace, his brother, called for a museum in the slain fashion designer's name. The exhibitions are due to open June 16 in Como, Italy.



Kirk Douglas and his wife, Anne, at the Sinatra vigil.



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